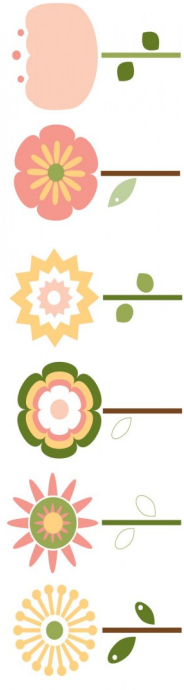


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 The Holy Trinity 9 am Worship with Holy Communion 10 am Congregational Meeting Church Council Meeting	5	6	7 11 am Bible Fellowship	8	9	10
11 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship	12	13	14 11 am Bible Fellowship	15	16	17
18 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship with Holy Communion Father's Day	19 Juneteenth	20	21 11 am Bible Fellowship First Day of Summer	22	23	24
25 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship	26	27	28 11 am Bible Fellowship	29	30	

Grapes from the Vine

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From the Pastor

Beloved of God,
Summer is upon us—days are longer, the weather is warmer, farmers are in the fields, school is out, and so are the bugs! Routines that we keep from September to May take a hiatus and the pace of life slows down. Or does it? Several people I've talked with lately shred all of the plans and activities that they have going on right now. Whew! Folks are busy!

In all your comings and goings during summer, remember to spend some time nurturing your faith, your relationship with God, and your ties with a faith community (like OSLC). You can do this wherever you are! On Wednesdays at 11:00am, I'll be hosting "Summer Bible Fellowship". We'll be on the back deck of the parsonage if weather and bugs permit or in the fellowship hall if they don't... Bring a lawn chair and a snack or beverage to share as we enjoy some casual, yet meaningful conversation about what it means to live as people of faith! All ages are welcome and kids can play on the lawn or over on the playground.

If your summer plans have you traveling far and wide, remember that Jesus is already wherever you're going, ready and waiting to meet you there! Find a "Flat Jesus" on the next page that you can color and cut out. Then take him with you on your adventures. Send a picture to pastor.oursaviorslutheran@gmail.com and I'll put them up on the bulletin board at church. This way we can remember our connections as a family of faith and explore the world together.

Peace be yours,
Pr. Liz

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Church Council Minutes

May 7, 2023

Present: Pr. Liz, Deb Gehrke, Tom Christensen, Terri Heimerman, Jim Grabow, Ginny Grabow
Pastor Liz opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the April meeting were approved with a motion by Tom, second by Terri.

Financial Report: Brian Block presented the financial reports for March and April

- In March, the general fund received gifts of \$9,320.51 versus last year of \$7,746.76 giving us a difference of \$1,573.75. Year to date giving for March was \$29,751.56, giving us a difference of \$5,338.20.
- April gifts: The general fund received gifts of \$9,660.51 versus last year of \$11,190.75, giving us a difference of (\$1,530.24). Checkbook balance at the end of April is \$13,768.48. Year to date, gifts of \$39,412.07 versus last year of \$35,604, giving us a difference of \$3,807.96.

Old Business:

- While Brian was in attendance, we continued discussion on the cost of insuring the church and parsonage. Deb worked with the agent to find ways to decrease the amount due. The premium of \$9,736.74/year has been paid. The insurance company wants an inventory of all removable assets of the church (chairs, tables, hymnals, etc.) to have an estimate of replacement cost. We will work on this during the summer months.
- Tom presented the estimates on replacing original shingles that are damaged. We have noticed interior damage to ceiling tiles and standing water after heavy rains in the last years. We reviewed three estimates and have judged that the estimate from Boelter for Class 3 shingles with a 40-year warranty will be the best option at a cost of \$33,429. Motion by Terri/second by Deb. Motion passed. In preparing estimates, the roofing contractors noted that the present shingles sustained hail damage, but with no inspection on our part, we failed to put in a claim. We need to be vigilant following future hail storms to check roof condition. There are also spongy areas that need to be fixed. We will discuss ways to encourage gifts to help with the cost of this vital up-keep. A congregational meeting will be held on June 4 to discuss and vote on the roof expenditure above \$5,000, as dictated by our constitution.

Other items discussed under Old Business:

- Continuing to encourage automatic giving.
- Posting of vacancy for Office Assistant (vacancy probable end of June).
- Deb will work with Angie on updating membership information on the office computer.
- We continue to track the online worship numbers.
- The need to update portions of our website regularly.
- Synod Assembly (Pr. Liz & Chris Thomas attended) Lots of information shared on the work of the ELCA.
- Adopt-a-Highway-Done with many helpers, organized by Julie Rogers.
- Church and parsonage yards were spring-cleaned with volunteer help. Thanks to all who helped.
- Dead tree in parsonage yard has been removed.
- Terri has assembled and mailed the College Care Packages.

New Business:

- Upcoming events on the calendar were reviewed
- Summer Bible Fellowship will begin on May 31 at 11:00 am.
- Confirmation and Graduate recognition in May.
- Registrations for 5 Bible Campers are in. Thank you, Ginger McCabe for assisting.
- Summer cleaning of the church and inspecting areas that need fresh paint.
- God's Work Our Hands, 9/10/23
- The Rogers family has volunteered to mow the church and parsonage lawns after the school year is done. Jim Grabow & Bob Gehrke will mow when Aaron & Julie are not available.

Next Council meeting—June 4th after the congregational meeting

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Ginny Grabow, council secretary

Flat Jesus



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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!

Raising the Roof - Special Congregational Meeting

Directly after worship on Sunday June 4th, we will have a special congregational meeting to discuss and approve replacing the shingles and other roof repairs on the church building.

Sunday Coffee Fellowship

At OSLC, we really enjoy post-worship fellowship on Sunday with conversation, coffee & a snack! Anyone can participate by providing a small treat to go with coffee or juice. If you want to help in this ministry, but don't feel like you are able to prepare coffee & do the actual serving, you could offer to "provide a treat" on the Fellowship sign-up sheet. We have other volunteers willing to do the leg work. Examples of possible treats: store bought or homemade donuts, cookies, fruit, crackers & cheese.

We value this fellowship among our siblings in faith each week as an important part of our life together.

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.

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 a 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.

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 \$10 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.

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

7th Thea Ballman, Greta Hahn, Brittanie Schafe
8th Michael Anderson
9th Sandra Koppelman, Kay Wendelschafer
11th Erica Anderson, Jordan Ziegler
12th Taylor Wolf
13th Mike Enter, Luella Olsen
15th Jim Grabow
17th Nathan Stocker
18th Mary Johnston
20th Jonathan Biehn
21st Amelia Baker
22nd Micaela Biehn, Larissa Hollerich
23rd Isaac Mueller
24th Mark Jacoby, Craig Miller, Natashlyn Ziegler
25th Paula White
26th Paxton Queen
27th Brendon Brown, Melissa Guillemette, Mathew Johnson, Brian Zimmerman
28th Brenda Smith
29th Connie Cink, Jill Danley
30th Jean Seely

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



Anniversaries

8th Don & Ginger McCabe
14th Pete & Michelle Sexe
15th Jerry & Donna Rausch
18th Bruce & Lonna Wing
19th Jesse & Bree Bateman
21st Dennis & Joanna Starner
22nd Dick & Marleen Newbrough
23rd Dan & Cindy McCabe
25th George & Janelle Bauer
John & Glenys Hultgren
26th Curtis & Donna Anderson
Kevin & Lacey Johnson
Ethan & Elizabeth Wargelin
27th Chris & Angie Glassel
28th Jim & Virginia Grabow
Mark & Betty Krenik,
Joe & Rita Oliver
29th Mitch & Jackie Dawald

Preparing for Worship

6/4 - The Holy Trinity

Romans 8: 12-25; Psalm 8; Matthew 28:16-20

6/11 - Second Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 4:13-25; Psalm 50:7-15; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

6/18 - Third Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 5:1-8 ; Psalm 100; Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

6/25 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 6:1b-11 ; Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18; Matthew 10:24-39

Prayer Concerns

Members: George Bauer, Joanna Starner, 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.