



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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship with Holy Communion	4 Labor Day - Office Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10 God's Work, Our Hands 9 am Worship 10 am Service Project 11 am Picnic Potluck	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship with Holy Communion	18	19	20 6 pm God Squad & Ice Cream Social	21	22	23
24 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship	25	26	27 6 pm God Squad - Group 1 (PreK-2nd, 5th-6th)	28	29	30

Grapes from the Vine

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From the Pastor

"Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play. Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning, God's recreation of the new day"

— Morning Has Broken by Eleanor Farjeon

Beloved of God,

Morning Has Broken is one of my favorite hymns. It talks about God creating and re-creating each new day. It's important to remember the powerful and loving act of creation, because as people of faith, it tells us who we are and whose we are. I think it comes from working with youth and many years in school myself, but fall always brings the feeling of newness and creative energy to me. Through all new things, change, transition, etc., God remains constant and walking beside us all the way.

Speaking of newness, God Squad kicks off in a couple of weeks! Our first night will be on September 20th with the all church Ice Cream Social. Both children and their parents should plan to come for instructions about the year, registration, volunteering, and registration. We'll also continue to have Adult Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. Each week in a new opportunity to delve into the readings for the coming Sunday. Those who attend say that it really enriches their worship experience.

As fall begins, I hope that you will find a way to connect here at Our Savior's, through Sunday worship, God Squad, and Bible Study. There's always more to learn about our faithful and gracious God!

Peace,
Pr. Liz

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

August 13, 2023

Pastor Liz opened the meeting with prayer.

Members present: Pastor Liz, Deb Gehrke, Terri Heimerman, Julie Rogers, & Ginny Grabow.

Financials for July were presented by Brian Block:

The general fund received gifts of \$10,005.88 versus last year of \$9,916.20, a difference of \$896.80. Year to date, the general fund received gifts of \$69,036.72 versus 66,153.26 last year—a difference of \$2883.46.

Checkbook balance on 7/31/23 was \$12,536.29.

The final bill for roof replacement was \$33,916.52 and Our Savior's has received generous gifts from the congregation of \$16,200 towards this repair to date.

The July minutes were accepted on a motion by Julie and a second by Terri.

Old Business:

- Pastor Liz has advertised the office assistant position on *Indeed*. The cost for this service is \$18/accepted application.
- Online worship is steady at 5-10 households watching live.
- Pastor Liz has updated our website.
- The summer building cleaning still has a few tasks to be done.
- Deb & Ginny are working on an inventory of removeable church property at the insurance company's request.
- 10+ members/friends & family attended the Moon Dog game on July 12.
- Outdoor property concerns were discussed. A battery-operated weed whip/blower has been purchased.

New Business:

- Consulted the events calendar concerning upcoming events in Aug & Sept for pre-planning purposes.
- VBS will begin tomorrow (8/14) evening (6:00-7:30 pm). All is ready. Thanks to Julie, & Aaron Rogers, the Johnsons and all other volunteers.
- God Squad is in the planning stages. Kick-off and Ice Cream Social is slated for September 20 at 6 pm. All are invited to attend.
- God's Work, Our Hands—Sunday, September 10, beginning with 9:00 Worship, a service project, and potluck meal.
- The Mutual Ministry Committee will be meeting with Pr. Liz soon. This group will provide support and guidance for Pr. Liz as well as working with the council to conduct her annual review.

Meeting adjourned with the praying of The Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: September 13, 6:00pm.

News and Updates

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

Fall Bible Fellowship

Starting on Wednesday, September 20th, our adult Bible Study and Fellowship will move to 10:30 am. 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 a time of casual discussion about the readings for the following Sunday and time of intercessory prayer.

Raise the Roof - Buy a Bundle

The roof repair is all done. Which means we need your help! If you would like to contribute, you can donate \$150 per bundle or \$450 per square (3 bundles) to cover the . So far we've received \$26,800.00 in gifts!

God's Work, Our Hands - September 10

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Join us for a special worship service, service project, and potluck picnic on GWOH Sunday, September 10th! We'll be making personal hygiene kits to give to the school and food shelf. Items you can purchase for the kits are toothbrushes, combs, nail clippers, lip balm, hair ties, feminine products (pads/tampons), and travel sized toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, tissues, and hand sanitizer.

Ice Cream Social

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! Everyone is invited to the **3rd Annual Ice Cream Social** on September 20th from 6:00-7:00pm to kick-off another year of God Squad. A sign-up sheet to bring treats and volunteer is on the welcome table in the narthex or posted on our website. Let's show the kids how excited we are to share faith and fun!

God Squad 2023

God Squad begins on Sept. 20 at the Ice Cream Social. There will be a brief **parent meeting at 6:15** to go over the schedule and expectations. Registration forms for God Squad will be available at the meeting or on our

website. This year Jordan Elias will be helping to coordinate communication and volunteers. Thank you Jordan! You can email her or Pr. Liz with questions (jordanelias42@gmail.com).

September 20: Ice Cream Social - All kids & parents

September 27: Group 1 (PreK-K, 1st-2nd, 5th-6th)

October 4: Group 2 (3rd-4th, 7th-8th)

October 11: Group 1

October 25: Halloween Party

Bibles for 3rd Graders

On Sunday, October 10th, during worship our 3rd graders will be gifted a new Bible. Families are encouraged to attend for a special dedication and blessing of this gift. If your child is older than 3rd grade and has not received a Bible, let Pr. Liz know and we'll make sure they are included too.

Building and Grounds

It may feel like a furnace outside right now, but fall and winter are coming! It will soon be time to do our fall landscaping cleanup and get ready for snow removal. If you are able to help, please contact Tom Christensen.

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 Brian Eppmeyer, Dorothy Hanson,
Mark Zimmerman
3rd Steve Biehn
6th Elijah Johnson, Liz Rossing
8th Sam Voit, Pam Zimmerman
10th Don McCabe
12th Luke Mueller
13th Tiffany Stocker
14th Rhylee Stocker, Ryan Stocker
15th Tayler Garrison
16th Mitchell Johnstone
17th Julie Plafcan
20th Michele Kluntz
24th Linda Zuhlsdorf
25th Amanda Smith
26th Bray Lassiter, Donna Rausch
28th Charlie Meyer
29th Matthew Miller, Alexander Reed
30th Terry Bateman, Leonard Seitz



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

Anniversaries

3rd Jeff & Jody Block
4th Tony & Brenda Smith
6th Mike & Shelly Miller
9th Terry & Sandy Bateman,
11th Dean & Mary Koppelman
14th Bob & Deb Gehrke
15th Dan & Randilee Dauk
16th Myron & Leanne Wolf
22nd Darrin & Corrinne Ely
25th Bruce & Rhonda Johnson,
Tim & Betsy Koppelman
26th Charlie & Donna Meyer
27th John & Valerie Weber
28th Dennis & Anne Hiller,
Phillip & Sherry Johnstone



Preparing for Worship

9/3 Hymn Sing - Romans 12:9-21 , Psalm 100,
Luke 1:39-55

9/10 15th Sunday after Pentecost - Romans 13:8-14,
Psalm 146:5-10, Matthew 18:15-20

9/17 16th Sunday after Pentecost - Romans 14:1-12,
Psalm 103:1-13, Matthew 18:21-35

9/24 17th Sunday after Pentecost - Philippians 1:21-
30, Psalm 145:1-8, Matthew 20:1-16

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+

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.