


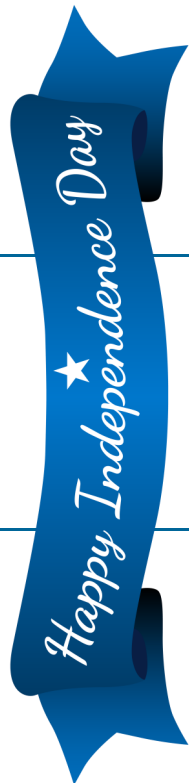




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July 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 10am Bible Study	4 Independence Day Office Closed 	5	6
7th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Worship with Holy Communion	8	9	10 10am Bible Study	11	12	13
14 8th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Worship 10am Council Mtg	15	16	17 10am Bible Study	18	19	20
21 9th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Worship with Holy Communion	22  Beer & Hymns 6-8pm @ The Bar in Le Sueur 	23	24 10am Bible Study	25	26	27
28 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Worship 10am Potluck Brunch	29 Pr. Liz away for Worship & the Arts Conference at St. Olaf College	30	31 No Bible Study			

Grapes from the Vine

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From the Pastor

Beloved of God,

This July, my parents will embark on a long anticipated cruise to Alaska. Originally, they booked the trip for 2020... You can guess how that went. Four years later and they are finally going. Because of their delayed gratification, anticipation has been running high and my father has spent months sharing all the interesting facts and stories he finds in online chat rooms, blogs, and other first hand accounts of people who have been on similar trips.

What would it be like if that's the way we share our faith? We wait with agonizing anticipation for the fulfillment of God's kingdom here on earth and, in the meantime, do all we can to learn about and prepare for and share it with others.

You may be planning a summer trip or engaging in fun activities as weather and bugs permit. In addition to packing the sunscreen, socks, a toothbrush, and bear repellent (if you're going to Alaska); bring some of your enthusiasm, your hope, your love for God. Share it with your family, your friends and the new people you meet. I may have learned more than I ever wanted to about cruise ships, but I can never get enough of Jesus and stories of faith. Someone out there might be hungry to hear the good news from you.

Peace be yours,
Pr. Liz

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Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, June 11, 6:30

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

A devotional was presented by Ginny.

Financial report by Brian: The general fund received gifts of \$8547.68 versus last year of \$9,422.51 giving us a difference of (\$874.90). Year to date the general fund received gifts of \$50,985.58 versus last year's \$49,530.33, giving us a difference of \$1,455.25. The checkbook balance is \$8,619.48. Motion to approve April & May financials made by Terri, second by Tom. Motion passed.

Minutes of the May council meeting were approved via email.

Old Business

- Julie asked about internet provider MetroNet. Jim reported that a meeting by a project manager for the company did not take place. They are working to bury cable all over Cleveland and we expect they will be working on our connection.

New Business

- Adjustments were made to the Events Calendar and the Project List. The parsonage living room carpet will be replaced by vinyl plank flooring this summer. Pastor will contribute to the cost.
- Several possibilities for summer fellowship events were discussed. Adult VBS at Gaylord on June 17, Beer & Hymns on July 22 at The Bar in LeSueur. August 9 jazz event at St. Peter's MN Square Park. Uccellino playing, 7:00-8:30. Watch for further information.
- We are looking at the possibility to add leave policies to our constitution. These would include Sabbatical Leave for pastors and family medical leave. Pastor Liz will explore policies already established by churches and report back to council. Should either of these needs arise in the future, it will be an advantage to have procedures in place. Motion for further exploration of leave policies by Pr. Liz was made by Terri, seconded by Ginny. Motion passed.
- Discussion of low attendance at church—why? And what can be done to encourage attendance at worship?
- God's Work Our Hands Sunday will take place in September. Possible service projects were discussed. One idea was to contact Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry (Pr Jenna Couch) about the lack of food resources for college students. They sponsor Lunch for a Buck on Wednesdays. This would be a project close to home that would fill a definite need.

Next meeting: July 14 after worship.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Ginny Grabow, council 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.

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 10:00 am** during the summer. Feel free to bring a snack and if the weather is nice, we'll sit on the back deck of the parsonage!



Beer & Hymns

There's a grand tradition within the Christian church of bringing together hymn-singing and pub culture. In the nineteenth century William Booth's Salvation Army put Christian words to popular music sung in pubs and taverns. In the twenty-first century, the event 'Beer & Hymns' has emerged as a not-so-new form of worship. Any yet Beers & Hymns is a thriving outreach because Beers & Hymns actually has very little to do with beers or hymns - it is about being the church of Jesus in all areas of our community.

On July 22nd, order a brew or a soft drink and some food while we join in a good ol' fashioned hymn sing and fellowship with local Lutherans at The Bar in Le Sueur from 6:00-8:00pm. [130 S Main St, Le Sueur, MN 56058](#)

Vacation Bible School - Bible Buzz

What do Bugs have to teach us about the Bible? Come to VBS and find out. Join us for Bible Stories, Music, Crafts, and Games on August 12-15 from 6:00-7:30pm. Children going into Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to attend and bring a friend! Contact Julie Rogers for more info 507-621-1978.

VBS Wish List:

- newspapers
- cardboard egg cartons
- paper towel cardboard rolls
- toilet paper rolls
- scotch tape
- straws (need 50)
- stick on googly eyes
- yellow paper bags (need 30)
- paper doilies (need 30)

Provide snacks for Wednesday, or Thursday.

Helpers for crafts & general management



Fourth Sunday Fellowship & Celebration

Did you know that the number 7 is pretty special? Seven represents a full and complete world. It appears over 700 times throughout both the Old and New Testaments. And on the last Sunday of July, we will celebrate 7 years of ministry with Pr. Liz. Bring a dish to share for a potluck brunch on July 28th after worship.

World Hunger Boxes

"Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."
—1 John 3:18

50
years



For 50 years Lutherans have joined together to address the root causes of hunger and poverty around the world through [ELCA World Hunger](#), which celebrates 50 years of ministry in 2024. ELCA World Hunger testifies to our hope for and commitment to God's promise of a time when we will hunger and thirst no more. As we reflect on our last 50 years of ministry together, we know God calls us to respond to the needs of the world now more than ever.

OSLC is collecting money for World Hunger this summer. Boxes will be available starting on Sunday, June 30 on the welcome table. Box collection will coincide with the God Squad kick-off in September.

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
5th Dennis Starner
8th Elizabeth Wargelin
9th Bradley Riba
15th Rita Martin
16th Ava Hahn
17th Richard Wendelschafer
18th Will Koppelman
19th Will McCabe
20th Sue Griep
22nd Julie Wagner
24th Betty Krenik
25th Jack Zimmerman
26th Karli Meyer
27th Randy Biehn
30th Emily Ponwith
31st Dean Koppelman, Mark Krenik



ANNIVERSARIES

3rd Tom and Chris Christensen
12th Gary & Mary Haase
20th Brian & Pam Zimmerman
22nd Joe & Sandi Hollerich

Preparing for Worship

07/07/24 7th Sunday after Pentecost
2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Psalm 123, Mark 6:1-13

07/14/24 8th Sunday after Pentecost
Ephesians 1:3-14, Psalm 85: 8-13, Mark 6:14-29

07/21/24 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 23: 1-6, Psalm 23, Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

07/28/24 10th Sunday after Pentecost
Ephesians 3:14-21, Psalm 145: 10-18,
John 6: 1-21

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



Prayer Concerns:

(Prayer concerns are listed for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested)

Members: Dianne Hanson+, Wayne Quiram+, Dave Wendelschafer+, Terry Bateman+, Myron Wolf+, Charlotte Jacoby+, George Bauer+, Kevin Mueller+, Karen Johnson+, Bradley Riba+, Michaela Biehn+
Non-Members: Cindy Wieland+, Holly Kallestad+, Ken Zuehlke+

Those in the military service:

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

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.

Flat Jesus goes to **St. Peter's Basilica** with **Don and Ginger McCabe!** Send pics to pastor.oursaviorslutheran@gmail.com