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## Newsletter



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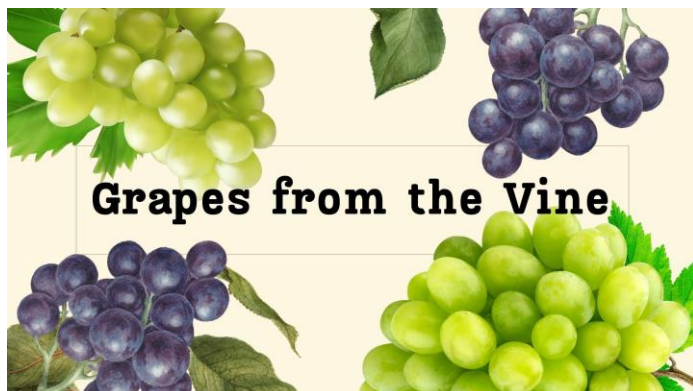
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## From the Pastor

Beloved,

I'm BACK!!! After two months of sabbatical, I'm getting into the swing of things and gearing up for fall programming.

One of the things I'm most excited for is a worship series called "Season of Creation." Celebrated by Christians all over the world, the Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

When I was growing up, my family participated in Earth Care, an ecumenical group that sought to connect our care of creation and our Christian faith and my Girl Scout troop did Adopt-a-Stream. And while at Holden Village in June, I took my turn in "Garbology" - sorting trash into the Burn, Recycle, and Landfill categories – it really makes you think about what we use and throw away! All these things and a deep personal love of nature make the Season of Creation especially meaningful for me. I hope you too find ways to connect to nature during our month-long celebration.

Pastor Liz



## **Special Congregational Meeting**

**July 20, 2025**

This meeting was duly announced the previous two Sundays in the Bulletin and by voice by Tom Christensen, Council President.

The meeting was called to order by Tom Christensen following worship. He explained the need for a new roof; gutter guards on the parsonage. The present roof is estimated to be about 30 years old. Tom has requested estimates from four contractors and received replies from three.

The old shingles will be torn off and it is hoped that the present sub-roof is adequate. If it is determined present sub-roof/underlayment does not meet code requirements, new underlayment will need to be installed. That will be determined after all the old shingles are removed. This of course will add to cost of project.

Brian Block, treasurer, recommended that we use money in the Parsonage Rental Fund (\$10,976.93) and \$5,000 from the Memorial Fund for a total of \$15,976.93, making the goal of funds to be raised \$15,000.

It is hoped that the work can be done late summer with enough sunshine to seal the new shingles.

Glen Zabel moved we dedicate \$30,000 to the repair of the roof. Sandra Koppelman seconded. The motion passed.

## **Our Savior's Lutheran Church—Council Minutes**

### **August 10, 2025**

Council members present: Pastor Liz, Tom Christensen, Terri Heimerman, Betty Consoer, Ginny Grabow, Jim Grabow. Ginny provided a devotional.

Financial report: Brian Block presented the July financials:

The general fund received gifts of \$8898.75, versus last year of \$11,897.87 giving us a difference of (\$2,999.12.) The checkbook balance is \$7,523.79. Year to date, the General Fund received gifts of \$71,827.01 versus last year of \$71,385.45 giving us a difference of \$441.56. The financial report was approved on a motion by Terri/Betty seconded-- approved.

Additional financial information: We have accepted the Boelter proposal for the parsonage roof replacement. They will require a deposit of 50% in advance (\$9,604). They added the job to their schedule and we hope it can be done soon so the shingles will seal properly. If the sub-roof doesn't meet code, the additional cost will be about \$7,000. CenterPoint has raised the monthly cost of gas for the church to \$309/month from approximately \$250.

The minutes of the July meeting was approved via email; was published in the August newsletter.

Old Business:

- Council members met with Doug Peterson of On the Spot Cleaning. That company will clean carpets in the fellowship hall, hallways and walkways in the sanctuary for \$175. We will need help on 8/24 with moving tables and chairs from the fellowship area. The cleaning will be done on the 25th.
- It was noted that the parsonage deck needs work and that it could be downsized a bit.
- It is apparent that the altar needs cleaning and painting. Deb Gehrke will clean and dust, Sue Eppmeyer has volunteered to paint; Joanie Eppmeyer will provide the materials.

New Business:

- God's Work Our Hands. It was decided to again reach out at Crossroads Lutheran Ministry near the campus of MSU to help provide food for students in need. As we worked with Crossroads last year, the need for food was clearly seen. We need to contact Pr. Couch about dates available for Lunch for a Buck. Terri will reach out and arrange a date. Crossroads will provide salad and drinks.
- Online-worship. There is still a need to train more people on the computer.
- Trees on church property. There are several trees of concern on church property. The largest concern is for the huge Maple tree behind the parsonage that overhangs the parsonage and church roofs. It appears that it is dying and presents a danger to those buildings.

Upcoming events:

- Ice Cream Social, September 17—kick-off of God Squad
- God's Work, Our Hands, Date to be announced

Jim moved we adjourn seconded by Betty. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting date September 21, 2025, after worship.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Ginny Grabow, council secretary

# Called to Let Our Light Shine!

## OSLC News and Announcements

### God's Work Our Hands - September 7!

This year, GWOH Sunday falls on September 7. That's the day we'll start collecting supplies to serve a Meal at MSU Crossroads Campus Ministry's Lunch for a Buck.

Every Tuesday during the fall and spring semesters, an area congregation will make a homemade meal for any student, faculty, staff, or community member to come in and enjoy.

Our menu is Mac 'n' Cheese, green beans, rolls, and desserts. Sign-up to donate ingredients, help prepare the food, and serve students with a smile!

**Friday, 9/12 - Supply donations due**

**Monday, 9/15 Meal Prep 6pm**

**Tuesday, 9/16 10:30 am - 1pm Serve lunch at MSU**



### God Squad Kickoff Ice Cream Social

On Wednesday, September 17, you are invited to our first night of God Squad for the 2025-2026 academic year. Join us from 6:00 – 7:00. ICE CREAM is included, so you won't want to miss this!

This year we're updating the schedule to follow our VBS format. At our twice monthly meeting, we'll share a story from the Bible, make music with Lacey Johnson, and rotate between games and crafts. The kids will end the evening with a snack. Once a month, we'll have Family Worship (including Holy Communion).



The Biblical theme for this year is Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. This description of devastated cities and wastelands eloquently stresses the fact that human destructive behaviors have a negative impact on the Earth.

Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, repentance, and solidarity.

There will be a special service of Blessing the Pets on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

### Raise the Roof - Parsonage Edition

Stay tuned for more information about how you can contribute to this special need. Once we have a date scheduled with the contractor, Tom Christiansen will share our fundraising goals.

### Bible Study Schedule Returns

Adult Bible Study will resume on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. Come share faith, fellowship, and treats!

### Can YOU Help Us?

We have a number of people who depend on our online streaming for their Sunday worship experience. We have three trained operators, and we could use a few more so we can offer our services each Sunday.

If you would be willing to learn to serve in this way, please call or text Ginny Grabow at 507-304-0667 or email [vgrabow@gmail.com](mailto:vgrabow@gmail.com).



# Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Brian Eppmeyer, Mark Zimmerman  
3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Biehn  
6<sup>th</sup> Elijah Johnson, Pastor Liz Rossing  
8<sup>th</sup> Sam Voit, Pam Zimmerman  
10<sup>th</sup> Don McCabe  
12<sup>th</sup> Luke Mueller  
13<sup>th</sup> Tiffany Stocker  
14<sup>th</sup> Rhylee Stocker, Ryan Stocker  
16<sup>th</sup> Mitchell Johnstone  
17<sup>th</sup> Julie Plafcan  
24<sup>th</sup> Linda Zuhlsdorf  
26<sup>th</sup> Bray Lassiter, Donna Rausch  
28<sup>th</sup> Charlie Meyer  
29<sup>th</sup> Matthew Miller  
30<sup>th</sup> Terry Bateman

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# Anniversaries

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

## Prayer Concerns

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

Members: Charlotte Jacoby+, George Bauer+, Kevin Mueller+, Karen Johnson+, Bradley Riba+, Michaela Biehn+, Jean Seely+, Joanna Starnier + Jayne Martin+, Dianne Hansen+, Betty Consoer+, Doug Starkweather+, Ginny Grabow+

Non-Members: Cindy Wieland+, Holly Kallestad+, Ken Zuehlke+, Deb Vieth+

*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.



### Preparing for Worship

**Sept 7:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1;  
Luke 14:25-33

**Sept 14:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Psalm 51:1-10;  
Luke 15:1-10

**Sept 21:** Isaiah 32:14-18; Psalm 148:1-13;  
John 14:15-17

**Sept 28:** 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Psalm 146;  
Luke 16:19-31



# SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2	3	4	5	6
7 Worship 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:00 a.m. God's Work Our Hands	8	9	10	11	12 Supply Donations Due Today	13
14 Worship 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:00 a.m.	15 Meal Prep 6:00 p.m.	16 Serve Meals at MSU 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	17 God Squad Ice Cream Social 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	18 Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	19	20
21 Worship 9:00 a.m. Season of Creation. Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Council 10:00 a.m.	22	23	24	25 Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	26	27
28 Worship 9:00 a.m. Season of Creation. Fellowship 10:00 a.m.	29	30				