

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so that all may know God's Love.

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Grapes from the Vine



From the Pastor

There's an opportune time to do things, a right time for everything on the earth:

*A right time for birth and another for death,
A right time to plant and another to reap,
A right time to kill and another to heal,
A right time to destroy and another to construct,
A right time to cry and another to laugh,
A right time to lament and another to cheer,
A right time to make love and another to abstain,
A right time to embrace and another to part,
A right time to search and another to count your losses,
A right time to hold on and another to let go,
A right time to rip out and another to mend,
A right time to shut up and another to speak up,
A right time to love and another to hate,
A right time to wage war and another to make peace.*

Ecc. 3:1-8 (The Message)

Beloved of God,

I've always wondered why the miserably hot time at the end of summer got the name "Dog Days". My pups don't seem to enjoy them. They may prefer to skip them altogether. To the ancient Greeks and Romans, the "dog days" occurred around the time Sirius appears to rise alongside the sun, late July in the Northern Hemisphere. They believed the heat from the two stars combined is what made these days the hottest of the year, a period that could bring fever or even catastrophe.

Current events and the state of the world might appear to corroborate this belief— war, inflation, wildfires, global climate change... But there are also signs of hope, signs that God is still active and present all around us. At OSLC, there are still a few weeks of Campfire Church and we're introducing Root Beer & Hymns at Cherry Creek days. Since August also means, we're busy planning for God Squad to start in September, and our church council is working on ways that we can embody faith in our congregation and community.

In all things, we celebrate and mourn, give thanks and lament, and grow in faith, hope, and love together as children of God. Peace be yours,

Pr. Liz

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:00 am	3	4	5 Campfire Church 7:00pm 	6	7	8
9 Worship at 9:00 am Rootbeer & Hymns at 11:30 am	10	11	12 Campfire Church 7:00pm 	13	14	15
16 Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:00 am Council Mtg 10:00 am	17	18	19 Campfire Church 7:00pm 	20	21	22
23 Worship 9:00 am	24	25	26 Campfire Church 7:00pm 	27	28	29
30 Worship 9:00 am	31					

Our Saviors Church - Council Minutes

July 19, 2026

Council Members Present - Pastor Liz, Scott Lassiter, Marcia Carlson, Brian Block, Tom Christensen, Betty Consoer - Pastor Liz provided a devotional.

Financial Report - Brian Block presented the May 2026 Financials:

- The general fund received gifts of \$10,690.90 versus last year of \$10,063.75, giving a difference of \$627.15
- The Checkbook balance is \$906.00, borrowed, \$5,000 from Bldg & Maint savings so out balance is \$5,906.00
- Office Expense of \$216.12 and \$123.00 to Metro Sales for copier, \$32.52 to Microsoft, and \$60.60 to Vanco and tithe for online giving fees.
- Worship expenses of \$293.00 and \$27.00 to Augsburg Fortress for Word in Sermon devotional and \$266.00 to CCI for music license.
- The financial report was approved by a motion from Betty and seconded by Scott.

Old Business:

- The council provided an update to the congregation at coffee hour about our finances, stewardship, and the need for 2 more council members.
- The council talked to Tom Hawkins during the meeting about strategy.

New Business:

- Lawn repair needs to be addressed.
- The deck on the parsonage needs help, maybe boards replaced, and other maintenance. Tom will look more into this.
- The parsonage AC unit needs help because it is old and not efficient enough. We are considering a replacement.
- Looking into getting other estimates for a roof. We may need to consider a fund. Costs are up 25%, there is a slight labor shortage
- Cherry Creek Days - tentatively planning for rootbeer hymns. Looking for volunteers.
- We need a new projector for sharing information in the services, during God Squad, and for music.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Liz made a few visits to various senior living and people's homes.
- Vacation for part of June.
- Campfire church has been going well, it was a little hot for one of the weeks, so they had popsicles instead of s'mores.

Next Meeting Date: August 16th, 2026 at 10am
Marcia motioned to adjourn and Scott seconded.

Adjourn - Lords' Prayer

Called to Let Our Light Shine!

OSLC News and Announcements

Campfire Church

Who doesn't love a campfire/cook out during the summer? Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm for Campfire Church! We'll gather on the parsonage lawn for a casual time of worship and fellowship. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on and we'll provide s'more fixin's. Feel free to bring your favorite beverage and other snacks.



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.

Root Beer & Hymns

There is a grand tradition within the Christian church of bringing together hymn-singing and pub culture. A popular legend has it that Martin Luther used tavern tunes for hymns (not true). 'Beer & Hymns' has emerged as a not-so-new form of worship. Our Savior's is hosting 'Root Beer and Hymns' on Sunday, August 9th at 11:30am. We'd gather on the grassy knoll by the Muni, sing some favorite hymns with a band and song leader, and serve root beer and root beer floats. Sign-up to help serve or donate supplies at the Welcome Table or contact Marcia Carlson (507) 317-9235.

2026-2027 Education Kickoff - Ice Cream Social

On Wednesday, September 16, you are invited to our first night of God Squad and Confirmation or the 2025-2026 academic year. Join us from 6:00 – 7:00. ICE CREAM is included, so you won't want to miss this!

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." Support our ministry in a variety of ways such as assisting in Sunday morning worship, helping with God Squad and Vacation Bible School, or providing treats at Coffee Hour. Your financial contributions can be made on Sunday mornings, or with Simply Giving (automatic withdrawals) by requesting a form from the church office. Or give online with the link found on the church website under the "[Donate](#)" tab or scanning this QR code with your smartphone.



World Hunger Boxes

For over 50 years Lutherans have joined together to address the root causes of hunger and poverty around the world through ELCA World Hunger. 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 are available on the welcome table. Collection will coincide with the God Squad kick-off in September.

Birthdays

1st Blake Stocker
3rd Angie Glassel, Andi Lassiter
4th Brooke Linder
5th Lucas Baker, Brian Block
6th Scott Lassiter
9th Mack Miller
13th Joan Eppmeyer
14th Sandy Bateman
15th Shelly Miller
17th Darren Ely
20th Vicky Seely
23rd Tonja Baker
25th Dean Heimerman, Karen Johnson
26th Alice Ely
27th Abby McCabe 28th Susan Eppmeyer
29th Julie Bluhm
31st Scott Ziebarth

Anniversaries

6th Dustin & Samantha (Ely) Beisch

Prayer Concerns

Members: Charlotte Jacoby+, Kevin Mueller+, Karen Johnson+, Bradley Riba+, Michaela Biehn+, Jean Seely+, Jayne Martin+, Dianne Hansen+, Doug Starkweather+, Joanna Starnert+, Dan McCabe+, Molly Stoffel+

Non-Members: Aiden Domras+, Cindy Wieland+, Holly Kallestad+, Deb Vieth+, Gary McCabe+, Corey Hicks, Shawn Heckman+, Maggie Blanshan+, Koreen Larson+, Emil Heckman

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.

Please contact oursaviorslutheran1@gmail.com to request changes or prayers.

Prayer concerns will be listed for three weeks unless marked with a "+", which indicates a long-term concern

Preparing for Worship

8/02: 10th Sunday After Pentecost

W is for Whirlwind- Job 40:6-10,
Psalm 90:12-17

8/09: 11th Sunday After Pentecost

B is for Boat- Luke 5:1-11
Psalm 85:8-13

8/16: 12th Sunday After Pentecost

G is for Growing Up- Luke 2:40-52
Psalm 122

8/23: 13th Sunday After Pentecost

W is for Walking on Water-
Matt.14:22-33; Psalm 69:13-18

8/30: 14th Sunday After Pentecost

S is for Shipwreck- Acts 27:1, 9-11;
Psalm 15