

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

Beloved of God,

My birthday falls around Labor Day and back-to-school season. With each passing year, I find that I no longer know the new lingo/slang that kids are using. It doesn't bother me most of the time, but every now and then I have to stop and make sure we're speaking the same language.

It can be the same for people familiar with the Christian Church and those who aren't. What's a narthex or the sanctuary? Prayers of intercession? Hymn? Some words seem like we made them up. Back when I was in seminary, there was a buzz word that professors, students and regional synod staff used on a daily basis – "MISSIONAL." It's a 'catch all' concept meant to focus a person or a church on living out a faith-based mission in daily life; to find the places where God is already active and present both within and outside of the church building. The word comes from the Latin term *missio*, which means "sending". In Christian theology, being missional means living as a "sent one" just as Jesus was sent into the world by God.

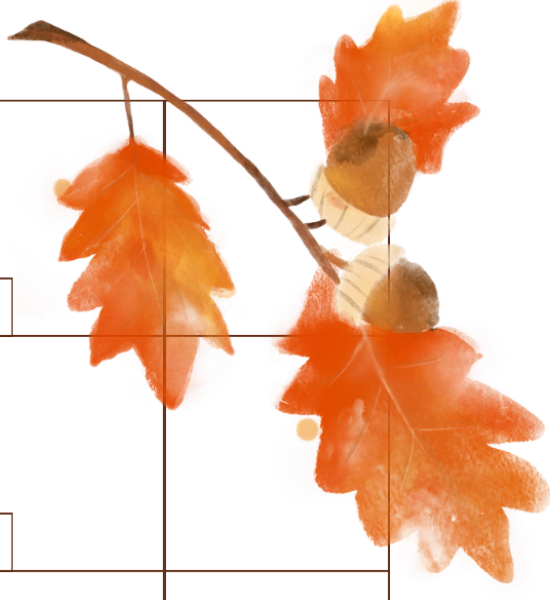
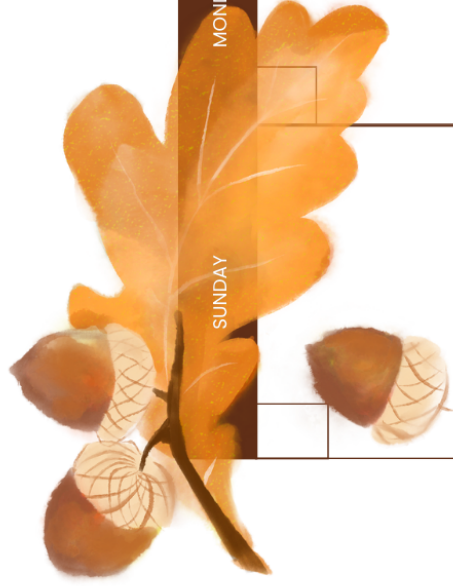
This fall, you'll be hearing a different, but related buzz word at Our Savior's – VITAL. In September, we embark on a journey called the "Congregational Vitality Project." Like disciples and apostles in the past we will take time to pray, think, imagine, create strategies and lay out plans to steward the Gospel into the next chapter of Our Savior's life is holy and urgent work as we seek to discern God's will and understand God's preferred and promised future for each of us and the community of faith where we are nurtured, fed and sent to live out our many callings.

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Peace be yours,

Pr. Liz

September



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Creation in Christ Sunday 9am Worship with Holy Communion	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8	9	10	11	12
13 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Worship 10am Vitality Survey	14	15 9am Synod Conference Mtg @ Janesville	16 6:00pm Ice Cream Social + God Squad	17 10.30am Bible Study	18	19
20 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Worship with Holy Communion 10am Vitality Survey	21	22	23 6pm God Squad	24 10.30am Bible Study	25	26
27 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Worship	28	29	30			

Our Saviors Church - Council Minutes

08-16-26

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

Financial Report - Tom Christiansen presented the May 2026 Financials:

- The general fund received gifts of \$10,105.90 vs last year of \$9,188.00, giving a difference of \$917.90
- The Checkbook balance is \$2,111.56, I repaid the loan of \$5,000
- Office Expense of \$167.16 and \$123.00 to Metro Sales for copier, \$32.52 to Microsoft, and \$11.16 to Vanco and tithe for online giving fees.
- The general funds received gifts of \$75,465.00 vs last year of \$72,116.26, giving us a difference of \$3,348.74.

Old Business

- Root beer floats and Hymns went very well at Cherry Creek days.
 - Thank you to our volunteers!
 - Donation for Root Beer & Hymns given to Brian to deposit until a decision on use.
- Tom Hawkins provided a presentation on a new survey the council is working to put together. The council discussed the logistics of setting up the survey, making it available to our congregation, and analyzing the results.
- Roof issue update:
 - Might be a much longer time to get money back from the roof.
 - Discussed what we are going to do with the roof in the meantime.
 - Not the best time to get the roof done due to higher cost, labor shortage, and other factors.
- Scott donated a new projector to the Church for God Squad and meeting presentations.

New Business

- Discussed the issue with the Garbage disposal in the kitchen, and it most likely needs to be replaced.
- Looking to add more pictures to our Facebook account, to freshen things up. We would like for people to continue to like and share posts from Our Saviors.
- God Squad coming up in September
 - September 16th kickoff
 - Hunger Boxes to be distributed during God Squad Kick-off.
- Learned that Cross Roads is closing and discussed that.
 - Discussed other options that might help to replace our volunteering for Cross roads
- Secretary Sam finished this week, and we have two potential candidates to replace her.,
 - Pastor will help with secretary duties until we can find a replacement
- The Council discussed sponsoring and/or participating in a Blood Drive.

Pastor Update

- Campfire church continuing into September
- Pastor went to "Preacher Camp" for 4 days
- Thank you to Johnson family for the Music they provide to the congregation
- Huge thank you for those who participated in Root beer and Hymns at Cherry Creeks days

Next Meeting - Working to find a time to meet during the week, most likely the 8th or 10th.

Tom will be providing a devotion for the September meeting.

Scott Motioned to End the meeting, Betty seconded.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Called to Let Our Light Shine!

OSLC News and Announcements

Ice Cream Social + God Squad

On Wednesday, September 16, all ages are invited to our first night of **God Squad and Confirmation** for the 2026-2027 academic year. Join us from 6:00 – 7:00. ICE CREAM is included, so you won't want to miss this! Sign-up to bring a sweet treat in the narthex or online – [HERE](#).

Growing Into God's Promises

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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 fall. Boxes are available on the welcome table and at the Ice Cream Social.

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.

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.



God Squad/Confirmation Schedule

We meet from 6-7 pm unless otherwise noted. Kids PreK-6th grade meet in the Fellowship Hall, 7th-8th grade confirmation meets with Pr. Liz in a classroom.

9/16 – Ice Cream Social and Orientation

9/23 – In the Beginning (Genesis 1)

10/7 – Deborah

10/21 – Night and Day Prayers

Birthdays

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

Preparing for Worship

9/6: Creation in Christ Sunday
Genesis 2:4b-25; Psalm 148;
John 1:1-5

9/13: 16th Sunday After Pentecost
Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:8-13;
Matthew 18:21-35

9/20: 17th Sunday After Pentecost
Jonah 3:10—4:11; Psalm 145:1-8;
Matthew 20:1-16

9/27: 18th Sunday After Pentecost
Philippians 2:1-13; Psalm 25:1-9;
Matthew 21:23-32

Anniversaries

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

Prayer Concerns

Members: Charlotte Jacoby+, Karen Johnson+, Bradley Riba+, Michaela Biehn+, Jayne Martin+, Dianne Hansen+, Doug Starkweather+, Dan McCabe+, Molly Stoffel+

Non-Members: Aiden Domras+, Cindy Wieland+, Holly Kallestad+, Deb Vieth+, Gary McCabe+, 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