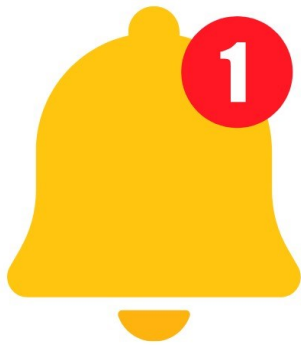


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New Sunday Schedule

8:30 a.m. | Fellowship

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10:00 a.m. | Sunday School



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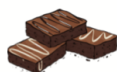
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HI-LINER FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Hi-Liner Food Pantry, serving VCHS students and families, continues to collect donations in the tote near the welcome center. During April, donations of canned chicken or tuna are especially appreciated. To donate to the Bridges Backpack Program, please make your check out to and mail to: **Bridges Backpack Program, Inc., 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072.**



BE A SENIOR HIGH LUNCH SUPPORTER!

Would you be willing to make bars/cookies/dessert for Senior High Lunch? We are serving as many as 90 – 100 kids every

Monday and Pr. Kyle needs your help to feed them all! Consider signing up on the information counter to be a “Senior High Lunch Supporter” and cover dessert for a Monday lunch. Sign up on your own or with friends, and then drop off your desserts on Sunday after worship or Monday morning before 10:00 a.m. so they can be enjoyed by our favorite Senior High Hi-Liners. Questions? Chat with Pr. Kyle – and thanks in advance!



GROWING IN FAITH

Growing in Faith | Sundays,

10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

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If we do not answer, please leave a message so that we can get back to you.



April Bible Study Opportunities

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Wednesday Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room – We gather for study, reflection, questions, and laughter each week in the Gathering Room. Join us for conversation and community!

Men’s Bible Fellowship | Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room – Walk through the bible one book at a time, grow in your faith, and develop deep and meaningful relationships. All are welcome.

Our Savior’s Foundation—It’s tax time again —“And Jesus said, ‘Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and unto God the things that are God’s.’” (Matthew 22:21).

Here’s some good news from Our Savior’s Foundation: You can do both by setting up a ND Tax Credit Endowment with Our Savior’s Foundation! A gift to this Endowment Fund qualifies for the endowment tax credit provided in Section 57-38-01.21 of the North Dakota Century Code. A minimum gift of \$5,000 is required to qualify for this tax credit.

Not only do you receive tax benefits for your gift, but your financial gift provides long term benefits for the many individuals impacted by the ministry of Our Savior’s Foundation. If you’re interested in learning more about this opportunity, please give Rich Schueneman (Foundation President) a call, or visit with Pastor Kyle.

Margaret Dahlberg



WE MOVE TO ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH.

Beginning on Sunday, April 7th, we'll start our new worship pattern of a single service on Sundays. Worship will be held at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday School will follow, running from 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship will be held prior to worship at 8:30 a.m. and again following at 10:00 a.m.

The decision to move to a single service was approved at the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 28th by a more than 80% majority. Input was received from individuals, as well as the Worship & Music and Children & Youth Committees in settling on this new time and pattern. We're excited to start this new chapter at OSLC!



RED WILLOW BIBLE CAMP

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CALL COMMITTEE

Your OSLC Call Committee is comprised of eleven members: Brenda White, Judy Karch, Ross Powell, Dennis Gumke, Karen Kringlie, Pat Edinger, Travis Peterson, Janna Kohler, Kyle Gregerson, Pat Johnson, and Kyla Fetsch. The Call Committee has begun to receive candidates for consideration for the vacant pastoral position.

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering



20 youth and adult leaders from Our Savior's, Faith, and Trinity Lutheran are traveling to New Orleans this July for the ELCA's National Youth Gathering. If you would like to stockholder **Stockholders** by making a financial gift to help get our kids to New Orleans, fill out a white stock holder tag with your name and address, and leave a check or cash in the amount requested. Checks can be made payable to OSLC, memo: Youth Gathering. Stockholders will get personal thank you from our attendees later this summer.



MISSIONARY CALENDAR

The 2024 Missionary Calendar is up! For \$25 a day you can support Willie Langdji, who serves as an ELCA Missionary supporting the work of the Lutheran Church in Western Africa. With your support, we walk alongside of medical centers, schools, churches, food ministries to support and encourage local efforts. The calendar also supports the work of Global Health Ministries that ships medical supplies and supports medical facilities all over the globe.

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Connect with us:



Be sure to stay up to date with all the most current OSLC information and updates by connecting with us on our website, oursaviorsvc.org, and by following us on our social media pages: Facebook, @OurSaviorsValleyCity, and on now on TikTok, @oursaviorsvcnd.

Wanted!

Your unwanted "treasures" of Household, decorator, furniture, children's, no adults clothing for church "Treasure Sale."

Friday-May 3rd- 2:00-6:00pm

Saturday May 4th- 8:30-12:00pm

Items Received Thursday 2nd at 8:30-6:00pm

Jan Stowman-WELCA President

Notes From Your Treasurer

Greetings from your appreciative treasurer! With Easter and the spring season closing in on us, we can think of how grateful we are to have enjoyed a milder winter. I'm almost expecting tulip leaves to come popping out of the ground soon.

OSLC is grateful for the many ways you support our church, both financially and with your giving of yourselves in time and prayers.

Financially, we are doing well. The Capital Campaign has some projects in progress that will put a drain on its funds, but that is exactly what should be happening. I'm excited to hear that the Youth Room project is coming along well and that the downstairs kitchen project is next on the list.

I was recently asked about what I meant when I used the term: monthly clearings in my Treasurer's Report to the council. Monthly Clearings: At the end of each month, after balancing the checking accounts, I run a balance sheet. The first balance sheet shows all our assets as well as current liabilities. The current liabilities include Youth Gathering 2024, Capital Campaign, Church chimes, Lenten Supper expense, Library Fund, Missionary Sponsorship, Radio Broadcast, and Youth Fund-Coffee Hour. Then I move the liabilities to their respective checking accounts by writing checks and creating the deposits for the liabilities that have special checking/savings accounts. After that I run a second balance sheet that shows the money went to the respective accounts correctly. This is a great way for me to confirm that your gifts end up where you intended them to be.

My request for you is that you always ask questions regarding the church finances. I take this responsibility very seriously and take joy in seeing everything balancing correctly.

On the home front, the curious critters have seemed to have settled down. I'm no longer cleaning up tipped over plants and weird things from the floors—at least not as much as I had been doing. Take care and stay upright! Spring is on its way!

Janet Brown-Our Savior's Lutheran Church Treasurer

Church Council:

“And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew us which of these two thou hast chosen, that he may take part of this ministry and apostleship....And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles” (Acts 1:24-26).

If only selecting an associate pastor for Our Savior’s were that straightforward! Please know that both the Call Committee and the Council are working diligently to identify both an interim pastor to give Pr. Kyle a hand this summer and a called minister of the word/sacrament to share in the ongoing work as associate pastor. Please keep this issue in your prayers, so the Call Committee and Council may have your ongoing support throughout this process.

The Church Council met Wednesday, March 13, 2024, for its regularly scheduled meeting. In addition to discussion regarding updates from the Call Committee and the Synod office, the Council heard updates from the Property Committee about the youth room and the kitchen. LouVay White is convening a group of interested parties to make final decisions regarding the kitchen layout – if you want to be part of this discussion, please contact her.

Other agenda items included:

1. Annual review of the personnel manual
2. Reminder of our Diversity and Inclusion event for April, author and speaker Taylor Brorby will speak Thursday, April 11, at 7:30 at VCSU—Our Savior’s agreed to provide partial funding for this event, so please mark your calendars and try to fit this in to your schedule! Mr. Brorby speaks on LGBTQ issues, primarily about growing up gay in rural North Dakota, which is the primary topic of his book that we read last fall, *Boys and Oil*.
3. Pastor Kyle reported that the New Orleans dinner last month was a real success, with almost 90 participants and over \$3000 raised for the youth trip. Thanks for your support!

The council also noted these events in the life of the congregation:

- **Burial:** David Campbell
- **New Members:** Jason, Ameilia, Rachel, Robin, and River Belgard; William (Bill) and Audrey Poukka

During this month of Eastertide, as we celebrate the joy of Easter, I pray that we may continue to be Altered by the Spirit, both as individuals and a congregation. Be sure to share your thoughts, suggestions, and concerns with someone on Council, so we can truly represent all members of the church.

Margaret Dahlberg, Council President



OSLC YOUTH

Pre-K - 6th

REMINDER: Beginning Sunday, April 7th, Sunday School will run from 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. as part of our new worship and Sunday pattern. Please adjust your schedules accordingly. Contact Sunday School Superintendent, Katie Sather, with any questions at oslcsundayschool@outlook.com

Upcoming Sunday School Schedule:

April 7th (10:00 – 10:45 a.m.) – The Ascension
April 14th (10:00 – 10:45 a.m.) – The Holy Spirit
April 21st (10:00 – 10:45 a.m.) – Phillip and the Ethiopian
April 28th (10:00 – 10:45 a.m.) – Paul's Letters
May 5th (10:00 – 10:45 a.m.) – **LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS): 2024 VBS will be held in early June with dates to be shared soon! **VBS is FREE** for all kids because of your amazing congregational support. Registration and information forms will be distributed this month, so be on the lookout!



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7th - 12th

CONFIRMATION FOR 7th – 9th GRADERS: Confirmation class returns, **Wednesday, April 3rd, and will be held each Wednesday through April from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (499 4th Ave. NW).** A full calendar for the rest of year can be found on our website oursaviorsvc.org. Make sure you are following through with your worship leadership opportunities and worship note expectations.

SENIOR HIGH LUNCH (9th – 12th Grade): All Senior High Students, 9th – 12th grade, are welcome and invited to share in this free, home-cooked meal each school Monday through April. Bring your friends and spread the word!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP (10th – 12th Grade): Senior High Youth Group for grades 10th – 12th will generally gather on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 8:00 p.m. in the OSLC Youth Room. To stay connected, join our Remind App group by texting @oslcsyhg to the number 81010. By signing up, you'll get reminders about when we're meeting and the fun planned for that night.

“

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:18-19)

”

Easter is a season of promise – because of the resurrection of Jesus, the way things used to be are no more. The ‘future filled with hope’ that the prophets like Isaiah and Jeremiah longed for is made real, and perhaps more incredibly, even the human realities of sin and death cannot keep it from being realized.

This story of a realized hope is told year after year on Easter Sunday. People of faith all over the world gather to hear the familiar gospel of astonishment and wonder. This year, we hear the old, old story from Mark’s perspective. For all its familiarity, Mark’s resurrection narrative ends awkwardly and abruptly, and we are left with more questions than answers. But what I love about this gospel narrative is that the resurrection isn’t the end of the story, but rather just the beginning. The women turn their fear into courage and report the empty tomb, and the Spirit will light a spark in the hearts of many through the tale of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. God is about to do a new thing.

As a congregation, we too are about to do a new thing. This month, we begin the next chapter of the story of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church as we reshape our Sunday morning pattern, and begin to gather as one people of God at a collective 9:00 a.m. worship service. I hope, like me, that you are excited for the new life and energy that might be born out of this pattern. Like all things, it will take some getting used to, and I am sure there will be trial and error along the way. And still, good news will be preached, grace will be shared, love will be embodied in bread and wine, and, of course, coffee will be served.

It is true that our future will look different than our past. And perhaps that uncertainty lends itself to the same kind of doubts and fears that those who first came upon the tomb with the stone rolled away must have been feeling. But at the onset of our Easter season, we look to the promise born of the first one. We are not at the end, but just the beginning. God is about to do a new thing. May it be so.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. J. S.', located at the bottom left of the page.