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Spend time with God this summer

**Beginning Sunday, 5/25/25,
Summer Worship Services will
be held at 9:30 am
Coffee and Fellowship
at 8:45 am**

Church Building Hours

Monday – Thursday
9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Friday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday
9:00 am—1:00 pm

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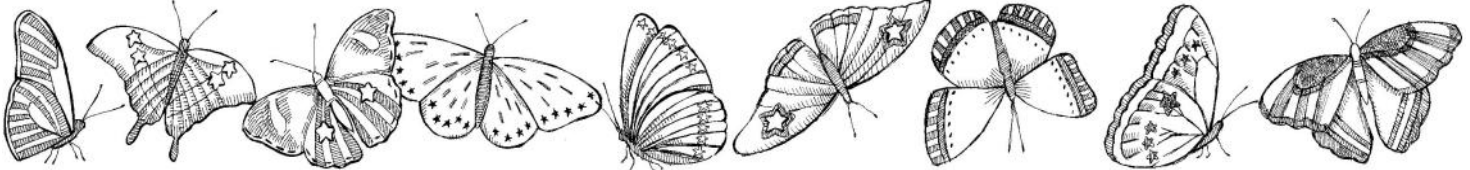

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The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ – Acts 17:24-28

How does God move in the world? What does that even look like? Does God move in big and bold ways, or is God’s movement small and subtle? Is God’s movement obviously and earth-shaking like an elephant’s footsteps? Or is God’s movement weightless and smooth like a giant whale swimming through the ocean?

In the book of Genesis, we are told that at the beginning of creation, the Spirit of God moved over the waters of creation like a wind. In the second telling of creation, God is depicted as a creator who is among their creation, working with their hands in the dust and the clay. What does it mean for us to have a creator who gets their hands dirty, working intimately with and among their creation? How amazing!

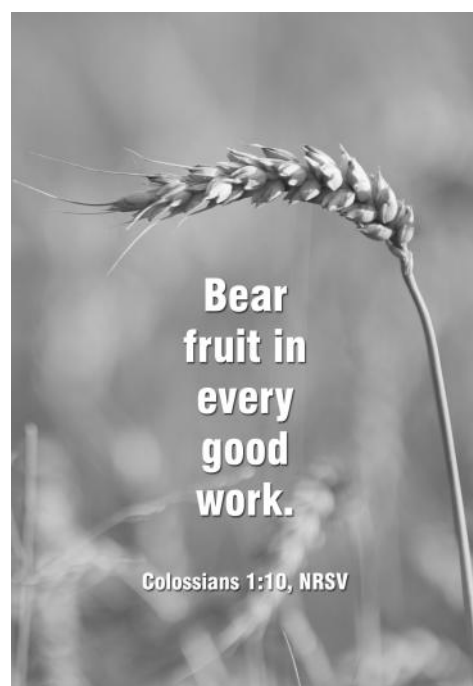
We, of course, see God’s movement in the physical movement of Jesus the Christ. Jesus’ movements are ones full of compassion and love, forgiveness and mercy. For the Gospel writers, Jesus’ movement throughout each Gospel is always towards Jerusalem, towards the cross, towards His crucifixion, death, and resurrection. And throughout the story of God’s people, even beyond Jesus’ resurrection and into the life of the Church today, we see and feel the movement of God in the world through the great Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

And how does the Church move? Does the movement of the Church match the movements of God? Does the Church sometimes find itself at odds with, or at the very least struggling with the abundance of God’s love and grace that is the driving force for God’s movement? What are some ways the Church might strive to participate more openly with God’s movement in the world? On a global scale? What about a national scale, or even just within the community of Our Savior’s Lutheran in Valley City, North Dakota?

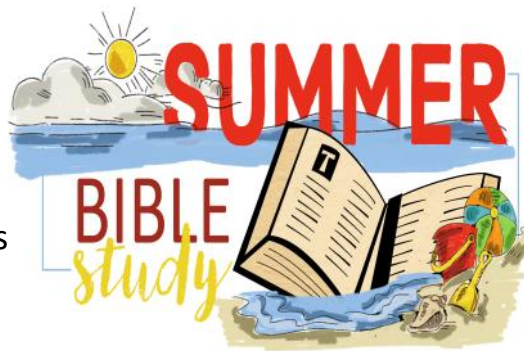
I seem to have more questions than answers for this month’s newsletter. But questions can lead to some great insight and maybe even some movement!

Blessed be your work in the world this month,

-Pastor Nicholas



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 com-
munity!



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 relation-
ships. All are welcome.



As Lutheran World Relief celebrates 80 years of shar-
ing God's love with the World, Our Saviors Lutheran
continues to do our part. The Spring shipment of 66
Personal Care Kits, 40 Baby Care Kits and 59 Quilts
was recently taken to Fargo. From there, this love gift
will be taken to the LWR Headquarters in Minneapolis
and from there shipped all over the world.

Thank You so much to everyone who made quilts,
brought items and assembled kits and who took boxes
to Fargo. Also a big thank you to Thrivent and to those members who apply for the
\$500 grant that is used to purchase items for the kits and quilts. Women of Our Sav-
iors gives dollars for LWR shipping from proceeds from fundraisers like the Treasure
Sale, so thanks for your support of that project.

Now its time to start working on items for the Fall shipment. The Good Samaritan
Quilters meet every Tuesday. Your help is always appreciated as are full size flat
sheets.

Items needed for Personal Care Kits are bath towels (dark preferred), toothbrushes
and soap.

For Baby Care Kits items needed are t-shirts (onesies can be used), sleepers and
sweaters and sweatshirts (sizes 3month to 3T), flannel sheets for diapers and blan-
kets and ivory soap.

Summer is a good time to start accumulating items for school kits. So notebooks,
pencils, pens (no gel) and boxes of 24 crayons are particularly needed.

Many other items are ordered in bulk, so donations to purchase items are always ap-
preciated.

Peggy Lee Day
Friday, June 20th, 7pm
VCSU Arts Center
Free admission

Please bring a food item for our local food pantry



Hospital Visitation

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or is in a care center and you would like a pastor to visit, please call the office to let us know with the person's name and location. We are glad to visit you and provide spiritual care! Hospitals and care centers do not automatically notify churches of a church member's admission.



Bennett Lee

Born to
Kyle Symanski
and
Sharayah Robinson
May 8, 2025
7 lbs 9 oz
21" long



IT'S A BOY!



At its May meeting, the Congregational Council decided that the radio broadcast of the Sunday worship still fills a need for people in the community and should continue, provided we can cover the cost. We pay \$100 per broadcast, adding up to about \$6,000 per year including special services at Christmas and Easter. Please consider a do-

nation to help us maintain this ministry opportunity.

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 now on TikTok, @oursaviorsvcnd.



MISSIONARY CALENDAR

The 2025 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. Sign up on the calendar and earmark your donation for "Missionary Calendar." Please hold Willie, Global Health Ministries, and our partner church in the Central African Republic in regular prayer.

We are church TOGETHER!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There is a sign up sheet for **Coffee and Fellowship Hosts** in the Gathering Room. Hosts are needed for our fellowship times following worship on Sunday mornings. It can be as simple as making sure the coffee is on and running and providing a light treat.

Greeters needed for the North and South side doors to welcome worshippers to the service and hand out bulletins. You would need to be at the church 15 minutes or so before the service. Sign up sheet is on the countertop of the Information Center, under the Missionary Calendar. No experience needed and a great way to meet others in our church community!

Are you available to **sub for Communion and Counting** on Sundays? Please contact the office if you would like to be on this list.



We are beginning a Sack Lunch program for the summer. On Fridays, from May 30 to August 15. Sack lunches will be available to anyone who is in

need of a meal, at no cost to them. This is an extension of the Senior High Lunch program, which will return next school year. Sack lunches will be served in the downstairs dining area starting at 11am until supplies are gone for the day. We are looking for volunteers to help prep and serve on Friday mornings, as well as donations.

Helpful donations: Tubs of peanut butter, individual bags of chips, bottled water, sandwich size ziplock bags and fruit cups.



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. 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.**



The Bridges Backpack Program will again sponsor the **Summer Grocery Store** on Wednesdays this summer. Look for more details regarding scheduling as well as donations in the bulletin. The store is open to all, single or family, who find they need help making ends meet now that children are not in school during the summer.



Notes From Your Treasurer

I'm in trouble. I usually know exactly what I want to share with you when I begin writing my newsletter message, but tonight, my mind seems to be a blank. This might be a very short message.

OK, I'm going to start at the end and get my mind working. I was urged by a friend to buy a field camera so I could actually catch the Orange Streak in action at my house. It actually worked in a couple of different ways. The lights were on and I was still up working on my iPad when I heard motion at the pet door. I looked back from my easy chair and saw the face of the Orange Streak staring at me from the top step as he tried to decide if he should make a run for the food that he knew would be waiting for him on the kitchen floor. He just gave me a quiet stare and backed down the stairs and into the garage. I had already put the field camera in place in the kitchen so it would catch any movement. I turned off the lights and headed to bed. The food dishes were empty the next morning and in checking the camera, I found all three cats getting their pictures taken. The Orange Streak actually has very soft peachy looking fur and a long sleek body. While he didn't interact with the other two cats, there were no altercations on film.

I urge you not to be an Orange Streak and sneak in and out of Our Saviors. Our congregation is great at having something special for every person that enters the building, whether it's just visiting over coffee and treats on a Sunday morning, being a part of a committee, being a greeter or coffee host. Our Prayer Shawl ministry meets every Thursday at 2:00 for anyone that likes to knit or crochet, quilters are busy Tuesday mornings and would gladly welcome you into their midst. These opportunities are for both men and women!! Don't be shy about joining in. I hope to see you in our beautiful building soon!

Have a great summer and enjoy God's beautiful outdoors.

Janet Brown



BUDGET REPORT

January	\$17,321
February	\$33,789
March	\$34,120
April	\$35,566

Total to Date: \$107,213
(Budgeted to date \$122,588)

Amount needed each month
to meet budget: \$30,647
Difference: (\$15,375)



**Our Savior's is looking for a
custodian. Part-time, flexible
hours. Please contact Paul
Dahlberg (490-1890)**



The Church Council met on May 14, 2025. Each of the committees reported on their 2025 goals and activity over the past month.

The **Property Committee** reported completion of the kitchen; work on the youth room is under way. We are looking for a new custodian; meanwhile, members of the property committee are handling custodial duties and working with ServiceMaster for a quote to provide weekly cleaning.

The **Technology Committee** is working on resolving computer issues and has decided on the computer they plan to purchase (funding for this purpose was approved in April).

The **Service and Sharing Committee** reported successful completion of the Lent Hot Lunch fund drive and Crop Walk (110 people and 7 dogs participated).

The **Congregational Life Committee** is currently managing the Senior recognition Sundays.

The **Children and Youth Committee** is planning VBS for June 3-5. They are organizing a “Free Lunch Fridays” event for youth this summer; youth will be provided a simple bag lunch each Friday. Council approved \$1500 from the Senior High Lunch fund to support this project.

The **Worship and Music Committee** will be sending out a worship survey to the congregation to help guide planning for worship services. Council approved a request for a handbell concert (external performer) on Sunday, July 20.

The **Call Committee** has prepared questions for interviews. No applications/activity yet.

Council discussed **the radio broadcast**. Several members reported on listening to the broadcast, and a recording from a service in April was shared. All agreed that sound quality is adequate and should continue as long as it is being used; a number of members reported feedback from the congregation regarding its importance especially for friends of OSLC. The remaining issue is funding, which Janet and Margaret will review before the June meeting.

An ad hoc committee met this month to discuss OSLC’s social media presence. A plan for regular Facebook posts was developed, and each individual at the meeting committed to support a specific aspect. If you have something you would like to post – a photo from a church event, a notice about upcoming activities, etc., please share the information with either Tara Anderson or Ann Ripplinger, and they will see that your item is posted.

The Kathryn-Nome-Fingal Contract is up for negotiation in June. Council recommended continuing the relationship and noted two areas that require discussion/revision: mileage costs and visitation.

Council Members: Katie Sather, Amelia Belgard, Lacie Maresh, Kyla Fetsch, Nathan Johnson, LouVay White, Sara Wangrud, Tara Anderson, Margaret Dahlberg, Janet Brown, Pr. Rich and Pr. Nicholas.

Submitted by Margaret Dahlberg, Council President



OSLC YOUTH

Pre-K - 6th

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School meets each week from 10:00-10:45 am, September through early May and is open to students Pre-K through 6th grade. Contact Superintendent, Katie Sather, with any questions at oslcsundyschool@outlook.com

June Notes:

Vacation Bible School will be held June 3-5, 12:30 –5 pm, at OSLC. You should have received an email regarding registration. If you have not, or if you have any questions regarding VBS, please contact Pr Nicholas.



BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION: Registration for all ages is now open for summer camp at Red Willow. Registration at Red Willow is FREE to all OSLC members because of the support of the OSLC Foundation. Be in touch with Pr. Nicholas, Pr Rich, or the church office to get your registration code to receive free camp tuition before you register. For more information or to register, visit redwillowministries.com