



OUR SAVIOR'S NEWS

Guiding members and friends in faith and service with God's enduring love.

Sunday School

No Sunday School Nov 29
Christmas Program Dec 6

Confirmation

Wed Class - OSLC - 6:30pm
No Class - Nov 11 & 25

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138 3rd Street NW
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BUILDING HOURS

Monday through Friday
9am - 1pm
Sunday: 8.30 - afterworship

FALL WORSHIP

Sunday School 9am
Fellowship 9am
Worship 10am

New Staff - AJ Goodman, Custodian

We are pleased to announce that AJ Goodman has accepted the position of Custodian at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. This is a half-time role. AJ started October 20, 2026.



Responsibilities Include:

- Maintaining the cleanliness of the church building and reports any areas in need of attention.
- General cleaning and any set-up/take down required for events in the church building.

A Note from the Church Council President

What a wonderful season it has been for our congregation! I am especially grateful for the opportunity to participate in our confirmation food drive with students in grades 7-9. They collected more than 1,900 food items for the Barnes County Food Pantry in just one hour—more food than the pantry typically collects in an entire month. They demonstrated how much can be accomplished when we work together to help our neighbors.

This confirmation season has been especially meaningful to me because my daughter is among the students. I have had the privilege of teaching Sunday School and Confirmation classes throughout her years at Our Saviors, so witnessing this wonderful confirmation has been a special blessing. I am proud of all our students and thankful for the families, teachers, and mentors who have supported them along the way.

As we continue our search for a pastor, I am deeply thankful for everyone who has stepped up to support our worship services during this time of transition. Their willingness to share time and gifts helps us continue to gather in worship and care for one another. Thank you for your flexibility and faithful service as we look forward to the upcoming season.

As we look ahead, may we continue to nurture our young people, serve our community, and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that make our congregation so special. Thank you for all you do to support the mission and ministry of our church.

Tara Anderson



ABBREVIATED FROM SEPT. 9 APPROVED MINUTES. FULL MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

September 9, 2026 – 8 PM – Conference Room

"We, Our Savior's family of believers, welcome all to share Christ's love,
to grow in faith, and to live a life of service glorifying God."

VALUES: All Generations · Neighbors-Near & Far · Sharing · Rejoicing & Weeping Together

Staff Reports:

Kyla Fetsch: Kyla reported an average attendance of 80 students each Monday for Senior High Lunch.

Pat Edinger will lead the confirmation sessions on Wednesday evenings, while Kyla will manage the administrative aspects. The Senior High Youth Group is set to begin on September 16th. Additionally, Kyla and Bryce will launch the College Age Group on September 23rd.

Committee Updates/Council Action

- a. Katie (Music & Worship)- Katie announced that she has finalized the worship music for September 27th and would like everyone to know that her committee will be coordinating the music.
- b. Bill (Property) - Bill provided updates regarding flooring, painting, and tree removal at the parsonage, noting that the ductwork will also need cleaning. He suggested organizing a painting party. The Property Committee will also remove a pew in the sanctuary to improve accessibility for those with walkers and wheelchairs.
- c. Janna (Service & Sharing) - Janna indicated that the committee is planning for 175 Thanksgiving boxes this year, with a goal of \$40-50 per basket, using the same fundraising approach as last year.
- d. Amelia (Children & Youth) - Amelia mentioned Camp Castaway and noted that some youth plan to attend. She inquired whether there would be funds available to assist with camp fees. It was brought up that the Foundation can be asked for those funds.

Old Business

- a. Hiring for Choir Director - Music and Worship working with Sarah Larson & Faye Bubach willing to do 3 Sundays. The committee will continue to manage the worship music.
- c. Parsonage - For updates, please refer to the Property Committee report above.
- e. Divided Cup for Intinction - The proposal for two sets at \$350 or repairing silver containers for a higher cost has been tabled for further consideration.
- f. Call Committee - The Call Committee met this evening, September 9th and is seeking a chairperson. A more in-depth discussion will take place later.

New Business

- a. New Building Hours: 9-1 M-F, 8-12n Sundays - Sundays shut lights off and lock doors after Service and when attendees have left.
- b. Pastoral Hosts - Kyla, Katie, Ross and Tara will open and greet the pastor and have office open.
- d. Coffee/Fellowship - Doors will be opened for coffee hosts by 8 or 8:30 AM. Coffee and Fellowship will be held only before the service from 9a-10a, and kids are welcome to have a snack during this time

Adjournment: President Tara Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM. The meeting closed with the Council praying together the Lord's Prayer.

NOVEMBER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY NEWS

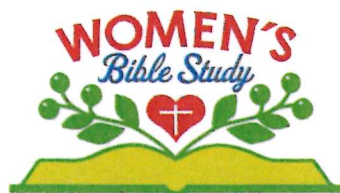
What a beautiful story! Esther – This short book (10 chapters) is nestled between Nehemiah and Job in the Old Testament. We see drama, power, romance, and intrigue on these pages. It is surprising that the word, God, does not show up in any of these chapters. But He is there working behind the scenes. Does Esther save herself, or does she save her people? What would I have done in that situation?

I love a good story and bet that you do too. Please join us any Wednesday between 9:30 and 10:30 as we bring the Bible alive in our readings, pictures, discussions. Please call the church office if you would like a ride. We can certainly help with that. The only thing you need to bring with you is your Bible and your smile. We finish our mornings off with coffee, fellowship and snacks. As we complete the study of Esther, the group will select what we want to explore next.

Again, I invite you to join us in this wonderful adventure. There is always room around the table and what a wonderful group of women to connect with. While we share family stories, we visit about ways that we can become a helpful presence at Our Saviors and the community. Let me tell you, this group of women has great ideas!

The news from Water Tower Hill: MacArthur, the cat, has been venturing into the backyard, but as soon as he hears the noise of a train or airplane, he is back to the safety of the house. Last week Mac was watching out the front window and he was becoming more and more agitated. I checked it out and saw a younger orange cat sitting in the driveway looking back at us. It reminded me of George, our half-cat, from Riverview Drive.

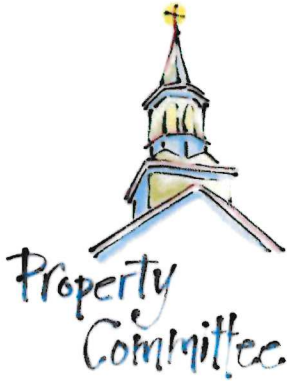
In God's Grip,
Jan B



Wednesday Bible Study

Gathering Room

9:30am



Thank you to our property committee and many others who have put their time and labor into our parsonage, we appreciate you. For the next phase, if you have any painting talent or not, we can use people to tape, prep, take off light covers, make sandwiches or keep people company when they paint...we can find jobs for everyone. Time and date will be announced soon. If interested, let the office or property committee know.

Thanksgiving Baskets



FOR FAMILIES
IN NEED



The Service and Sharing Committee is partnering with Faith Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran to provide **175 Thanksgiving baskets** to those in need in Valley City.

Thanksgiving baskets will be prepped on Thursday, **November 19** and delivered/picked up on Friday, **November 20**.

Congregation members can help by signing up to deliver baskets on November 20 or by donating to support this project. The recommended donation is **\$50** to sponsor one box for a family, but any dollar amount collected counts!

The Service and Sharing Committee will be set up in the gathering area/hallway before worship on **November 1 and 8**, where you can donate in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

We are so grateful for the Our Saviors' congregation and their willingness to help with this project over the past years.

If you have questions, please contact Janna Kohler or Lindsey Johnson.

If you are in need of a Thanksgiving Basket, please call Faith Lutheran Church at 845-4390. ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL. Please let them know if you need your basket delivered. DEADLINE FOR CALLS IS FRIDAY, NOV. 6th.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF OUR SAVIORS!!

Women of Our Saviors (WELCA) supports the program of the Eastern Dakota WELCA. The mission is to “Mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.” All women of our church are considered members and are encouraged to participate in any way that they are able. Here are a few of the ways you are able to do this is:

—Bible Study attendance—Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the family gathering room. No need to be a Bible scholar—just a bunch of ladies wanting to learn more about the scriptures. Right now Janet Brown is leading us and we are studying the book of Esther.

—Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Mission Kits—Help in collecting items, assembling and packing kits. See the article on Lutheran World Relief on the amazing work that has been done at OSLC.

—Good Samaritan Quilters—Meet on Tuesdays from 9-1. No quilting experience necessary—there are jobs for everyone!

—Involvement in Special Events—Our next special event is the **Lefse, Bake, Quilt and Holiday Treasure Sale on November 21. Lefse making will happen on Thursday November 19 at 8:30.** Your baked goods of all kinds are greatly appreciated. If you have some Holiday treasures that you are no longer wanting, you can bring them any time to the “Treasure Room” in the church basement.

We are in the process of updating the list of women who get occasional text messages of events, meetings, and news of Women of Our Saviors. We are hoping you will be a part of the WOS team so please just say YES to one of these Team players—Carol Foth, Rhonda Knodle, Kristi Kohler, Kara Kramin, Trisa Olson, Cheryl Olson, Nance Powell, Jan Stowman, Lori Thompson, and LouVay White.



SERVING OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY WITH GOD'S LOVE

In 1945 World War II left an estimated 1/5 of the World's Lutherans homeless. Here in the U.S. Lutheran churches mobilized to help in Europe through a new agency called Lutheran World Relief. Today LWR operates in East and West Africa, Latin America, Europe, Asia, the Middle East and the U.S. helping some of the world's poorest communities build resilience for what they need to survive and thrive.

Our Saviors Lutheran is doing our part in supporting this wonderful mission. In the last 15 years, OSL has sent a total of 5055 Sewing, School, Baby and Personal Care Kits and 1882 Quilts. Many more quilts have been given locally.

The Fall shipment was sent in October and the 405 school kits sent hit a 15 year all time high! A big thank you to Robert and Bev Loken for covering basically the tri-state area searching for supplies. A big source of funds is the use of Thrivent grant funds. If you have Thrivent and would like more info, the Lokens would be a good resource. Thank you to all of you who have supported LWR with items and cash donated, assembling and packing kits and taking the shipment to Fargo.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
School Kits	318	288	300	353	405
Baby Kits	77	80	82	92	17
Personal Care	193	163	107	150	150
Quilts	107	130	101	104	77
Kits for Yearlings	588	531	488	585	500
Quilts for Yearlings					

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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700 1st Street, S. Minneapolis, MN 55401-2124
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For more information and brochures and videos on Lutheran World Relief you may go to this website: lwr.org/resources

Jan Stowman, Beverly & Robert Loken, Mel Karch, John Thompson & Kara Kramin loading the fall 2026 shipment of Lutheran World Relief Kits



SERVING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY WITH GOD'S LOVE in OCTOBER



Wow! Thank you to everyone who donated to our Cereal Sundays in October! We collected 70 boxes/bags of cereal and 41 quarts of shelf stable milk!! We are excited to travel to The Neighborhood Church in Fargo to make the delivery! ❤️

Gather Serve Night was fun! Gathering in Christian community means serving others as Christ did. We hope the tie-blankets made for Project Ignite Light share Christ's love to children in need.



The Confirmation Food Drive was a huge success!

1,923 non perishable food items were collected and donated to the Barnes County Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this project!





Our Savior's Youth!

PreK - 6th Grade Sunday School!

All youth in grades PreK-6 are invited to join us at Sunday School each week!

Sunday School: 9-9:45am Worship: 10am

November SS Calendar

Sunday School Christmas Program Practice during our regular time - November 1, 8, 15, and 22

No Sunday School - November 29th (Happy Thanksgiving!)

SAVE THE DATE!!

Our Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on December 6th during worship!

7-9th Grade Confirmation!

Confirmation classes in November will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church from 6:30-8:00pm each Wednesday with a light meal at 6pm. Please note that there is no confirmation classes on November 11th or 25th due to Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving.

We are still looking for parent helpers to be an adult in the room and provide supervision. No planning or teaching is required. If interested and willing, please contact Kyla.

All Confirmation information and sign up sheets can be found on the youth bulletin board.
Thank you for working on your worship notes and worship leadership!

10-12th Grade Senior High Youth Group!

Senior High Youth Group meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays each month in the youth room from 7:30-9pm. All youth in grades 10-12 are welcome! **Upcoming evenings are November 4th and 18th!**

Join us in the Spond app with the code SSSZZ to get reminders and activity updates!

9-12th Grade Senior High Lunch!

Monday means Senior High Lunch! Students who want to know the menu should join the Spond app with the code HQIKQ. **Adult volunteers who would like to help out with serving, cleanup, or desserts should talk to Kyla!** It's an amazing ministry and we would love for you to be a part of it!

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO senior high lunch November 23rd!

Gather - A College-Aged Youth Group!

"Gather" is a community of faith for college-aged Christians. We seek to create a space where people feel welcome, safe, and supported as we do life together and strive to grow in our Christian faith. This group will meet two Sundays a month and rotate between Our Savior's and Epworth.

Join us at 6:30pm on Nov 8th at Our Savior's and Nov 22nd at Epworth!



Bible Presentation Sunday!

Pre-K Students

Luca Berger
Emma Johnson
Lainey Kohler
Aven Larsen
Korra Miller
Penn Peterson

Third Grade Students

Addyson Jenrich
Ember Klemisch
Josie Klemisch
Nora Klemisch
Lillian Undem



Thank you to Dennis & JoAnn Nathan,
Jeff and Bobbi Jo Nathan,
and Amber & Carl Pederson
for the gift of the Bibles!

Thank you to Ruth Nathan for the gift
of the bible verse keychain/lanyards!



*Affirmation
of Baptism*

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 25TH, 2026



**Congratulations to our
Confirmants! God bless them
as they continue to grow
in their faith.**

Pictured Left to Right:

**Top Row: Hayley Sather, Brady Lautt,
Cooper Anderson, Austin Anderson,
August Hochhalter, Simon Trapp**

**Bottom Row: Tara Anderson (Council
President), Kaitlyn Wangrud, Avery
Marthaler, Reese Anderson, Josie
Heck, Julia Stainbrook, Addison
Fetsch, Kyla Fetsch (Faith Formation
Coordinator)**

WOMEN OF
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN

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LEFSE, BAKE & QUILT SALE

Holiday Treasure Sale

Breads, Candies, Goodies of All Kinds!
Come do your Thanksgiving baking!
Find decorating items for the holidays!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
8:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd St. NW, Valley City, ND

 Coffee, juice and
rolls will be served.

Proceeds to benefit designated WELCA missions.

OSLC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Lefse making will happen on Thursday November 19 at 8:30
- Your baked goods of all kinds are greatly appreciated.
- If you have some Holiday treasures that you are no longer wanting, you can bring them any time to the "Treasure Room" in the church basement.



Right around the corner our trees will be up!
As you are out doing your pre holiday shopping, dont forget
about the Our Saviors Kiwanis Giving Tree. All gifts are for
local youth in our area. Mittens will be out mid November



NOVEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS

• ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL 54TH ANNUAL AUCTION •

Anchored in Faith

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026
VALLEY CITY EAGLES CLUB
345 12TH AVE. NE, VALLEY CITY, ND
SILENT AUCTION & BAKE SALE 5:00 P.M.
LIVE AUCTION 6:30 P.M.

All proceeds go to St. Catherine School
www.stcatherine.k12.nd.us

Trinity Lutheran Church
499 4th Ave. NW, Valley City

Fall FeStIVAl

Sat., November 7th, 2026

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Bake Sale, Craft Sale
Quilt Sale, Greeting Cards

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Casserole Extravaganza Luncheon
Served with coleslaw & dessert.
Cost: \$10 (\$5 for youth 6-12 yrs; Free for 5 yrs & under)

Take out & Delivery available:
for delivery, call 701-845-3837
between 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Gift Coupons available!

Trinity Lutheran Church
3rd Annual Murder Mystery Theater presents...

MURDER IS A FINE ART

MURDER MYSTERY THEATER
Join us for an afternoon of suspense & dessert!
Only YOU can crack the case!

**SUNDAY
NOV. 15, 2026
2:00 P.M.**

Trinity Lutheran Church
499 4th Ave. NW
Valley City, ND

For reservations:
Call 701-845-3837 or email trinitylutheramvc@bektel.com by Nov. 11, 2026.
This is a free-will offering fundraiser of Trinity Lutheran Church.



OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church |



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 10:00 Facebook Live 11:00 Radio Broadcast	2 12:10 Sr. High Lunch	3 9:00 Quilters 6:00 VCHS Music Booster Trip Mtg.	4 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation @ OSLC 7:30 Sr. High Youth	5	6 THANKSGIVING BASKETS Deadline for calls to receive a basket 845-4390	7 7:30 am Men's Bible Study
8 9:00 Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 10:00 Facebook Live 11:00 Radio Broadcast 6:30 GATHER @ OSLC	9 12:10 Sr. High Lunch	10 9:00 Quilters	11 VETERANS DAY 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation @ OSLC 8:00 Council	12 	13	14 7:30 am Men's Bible Study
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22 9:00 Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 10:00 Facebook Live 11:00 Radio Broadcast	23 12:10 Sr. High Lunch	25 9:00 Quilters	25 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation @ OSLC	26 THANKSGIVING 	27	28 7:30 am Men's Bible Study
4:00 pm Barnes County Ministerial Community Thanksgiving						
29 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 Worship 10:00 Facebook Live 11:00 Radio Broadcast	30 12:10 Sr. High Lunch	November Community Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• St. Catherine Annual Auction Fri., Nov. 6 Silent Auction & Bake Sale 5pm Live Auction 6:30pm• Trinity Lutheran Church Fall Festival Sat., Nov. 7 10:30-1:30pm: Bake, craft, & quilt sale, 11-1:30 Lunch• Trinity Lutheran Church Murder Mystery Theater Sun., Nov. 15 2pm Reservations by Nov. 7.• Barnes County Ministerial Comm. Thanks. Service Sun., Nov. 22, 4pm Cong. Church with free meal to follow.				
						



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