



OUR SAVIOR'S NEWS

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

Sunday School

Resumes Sept 13th at 9am!

Confirmation

Resumes Sept 9th with a student/parent mtg at Faith at 6:30pm!

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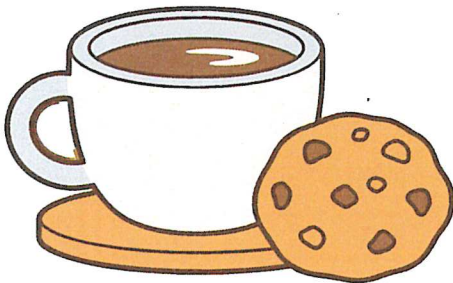
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BUILDING HOURS

Monday through Friday
9am - 1pm
Sunday: 8 - noon

New Fall Hours!

Sunday School 9am
Fellowship 9am
Worship 10am
Starting Sunday
September 13th



WANTED

**Fellowship
Hosts**

**Sign up list on
counter in
Gathering Area.**

REWARD

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The next Call Committee has been confirmed by the Church Council and is currently reviewing our Ministry Site Profile and waiting for additional training from the synod in early September. Please welcome Ross Powell, Dave Carlsrud, Addison Fetsch, Cadence Fetsch, Lindsey Johnson, Nicole Johnson, Ruth Larson, Jason Manlove, Brenda White and Alan Olson.

New Staff - Brooke Gubrud, Office Coordinator/Financial Secretary

We are pleased to announce that Brooke Gubrud has accepted the position of Office Coordinator/Financial Secretary at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. This is a half-time role. Brooke started August 20, 2026.

Responsibilities include:

provides support to the pastors, congregation, and volunteers; the first point of contact for visitors; general office work, financial reporting, record keeping, building support, and effective communication



Farewell from the Interim Pastor

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,” (Ephesians 1:3)

Friends in Christ,

St. Paul writes these words in the opening remark in his letter to the Christians community living Ephesians. This remarkable phrase encapsulates a very important idea of Judeo-Christian worship. We who are created by God and endowed with gifts and blessings are to do as Paul does and Bless God. What a perfect act of complete and total worship/devotion?! As creatures of the creator, blessed to be a blessing. The verse depicts a circle of blessing: God blessing us (and all others) and in turn we use our spiritual blessing to bless God and one another.

For some the act of blessing conjures up images of laying on of hands as in an anointing, showing personal or divine favor. For others blessing is more intimate, like the kiss of Isaac as he blesses his son Jacob. After Esau learns of his brother’s treachery, he talks about the blessing as something tangible that can be physically taken. “But [Isaac] said, “Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing.” Esau said, “Isn’t he rightly named Jacob [literally, “heal catcher”] He has deceived me these two times: He took my birthright, and now he’s taken my blessing!”

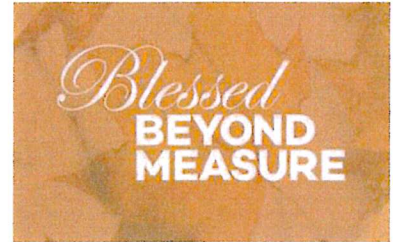
Yet, it is right to think of blessing in terms of favor and wrong to think of blessing solely as something tangible which could be taken away. And although a blessing is often intangible, it has power. Power to change us and the way we perceive the world.

Pastors use these words of blessing in worship. Particularly in the Sunday worship during the Invocation and Benediction. The Invocation is used to invoke the name of God, who gathers us, “We gather in the name and under the care and protection of the God we know in the face of Jesus: In the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit”. The Benediction, literally mean “the good word”, which is the blessing at the conclusion of worship. We are sent forth by a blessing to be a blessing. “The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.”

As I conclude my ministry among you, I want you to know that you have been a blessing to me. You have shared your lives with me and allowed me to share my ministry with you. And I hope that I have been a blessing to each of you for the time that we have been together. Many of you have shared words of affirmation and appreciation. I am deeply grateful for these kind words.

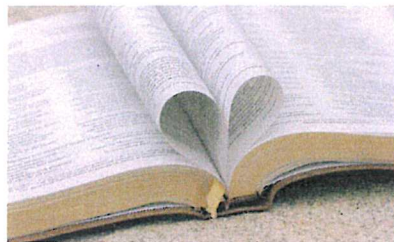
People of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, you have been a blessing to me! You have shared with me the love and grace of God. Now, I bless you as you step into God's future and continue on the path toward calling your next pastor. **I bless you O God, for the people of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and for the future pastor you are preparing to come and minister here. May the God of grace who raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, plant in you the seeds of love and peace that you would grow to be a well-watered garden. That your lives and ministry would produce a bountiful harvest that would nourish yourselves, your families, and Barnes County community. In the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Faithfully yours,
Pr. Jared Carson



Wednesday Bible Study

Gathering Room
9:30am



Saturday Bible Study

Gathering Room
7:30am

OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**WE ARE
HIRING!**

CHOIR DIRECTOR
ORGANIST/PIANIST

JOIN OUR TEAM!

<https://oursaviorsvc.org/jobs.php>



Our Savior's Worship & Music Committee is looking for musicians to share their talent during worship services. A variety of instruments are welcome. Please contact the church office if you would like to sign up.



Thank you to Reese Anderson for staffing the church office this summer. We appreciate your smiling face and willingness to step in and help.



Our Savior's Youth!

Sunday School Starts Sept 13th!

Sunday School online registration is now open and all youth grades PreK-6 are invited!

Sunday School will run from 9-9:45am. Join us for worship afterward at 10am!

Go to <https://forms.gle/B9ci5wnrJhzzUVj58> or scan the QR code to sign up!

A calendar for the full 2026-2027 Sunday School year will be available on Rally Sunday.

September SS Calendar

September 13th - Rally Sunday - Join us as we kick off the Sunday School year!

September 20th - New SS "rotation" format begins! Come and check it out!

September 27th - SS Rotation Fun!



10th Grade Confirmation Students!

Be sure to mark your calendar with the following dates! Attendance is required!

Senior High Youth Group:

Sept 16, Oct 7 & 21

Confirmation Rehearsal and Pictures: October 18

Confirmation Sunday: October 25

7-9th Grade Confirmation Starts Sept 9th!

The Student and Parent Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Please make every effort to attend as you will be signing up for required activities!

A full Confirmation calendar for the 2026-2027 school year will be handed out at the meeting.

Classes are held Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm with an optional light meal at 6pm.

Senior High Youth Group

Senior High Youth Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month in the youth room from 7:30-9:00pm. Anyone in grades 10-12 are welcome! **Our first night will be September 16th!** Join us in the Spond app with the code SSSZZ to get reminders and stay up to date on upcoming activities!

Senior High Lunch

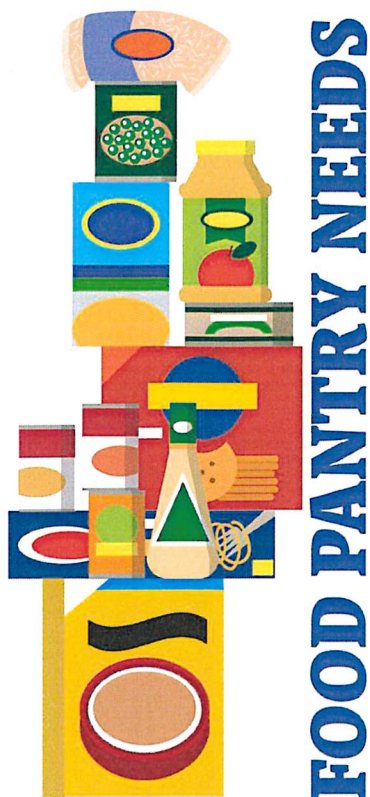
Senior High Lunch is back and on Mondays! Students who want to know what is on the menu should join us in the Spond app with the code HQIKQ. Adult volunteers who would like to help out with serving, cleanup, or desserts should talk to Kyla! We would love to have you!

Introducing a NEW 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 United Methodist Church as Kyla and Pastor Bryce collaborate on this new adventure!

**Our first evening together will be September 20th at 6:30pm at Epworth
as we enjoy conversation and Ben and Jerry's ice cream!!**

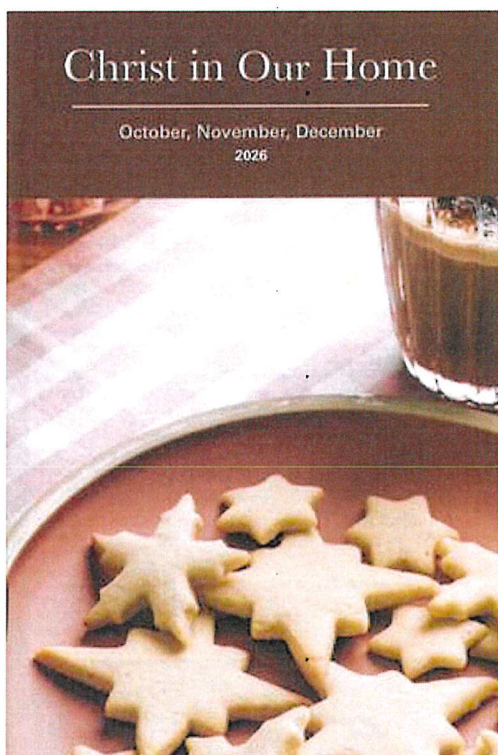
SERVING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY WITH GOD'S LOVE



The Hi-Liner Food Pantry, serving VCHS students and families, continues to collect donations in the tote near the gathering area. If you would like to donate financially, please make your check out to and mail to: Bridges Backpack Program, Inc., 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 68072.

Suggested items to donate include: canned chicken or tuna, soup, fruit, ravioli, Spaghetti O's, boxed cereal, pasta, mac & cheese, Hamburger Helper, potato chips, pancake mix, syrup, baking items and rice.

Our generous gifts of food and funding, along with support from local churches, organizations, and the Great Plains Food Bank, help ensure that families in our community have access to nutritious food throughout the school year. Together, we live out Jesus' call to care for our neighbors and are reminded that God's abundance is multiplied through generous hearts and willing hands.



Christ in Our Home

October, November, & December edition is now available throughout the church. Available in both large and regular print.

Note - Large Print are delayed

SERVING OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY WITH GOD'S LOVE

Please Help Us Fill Baby Kits for Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries

We are currently collecting new or like-new items for Baby Kits. Please, no fleece items.

Global Health Ministries Baby Kit Needs:

- Receiving blankets — minimum 30" x 30"
- Regular, bath-sized towels — approximately 48"
 - Onesies — newborn or 0-3 months
 - Newborn or small baby caps
- Pre-folded diapers — minimum 12" x 16"



Lutheran World Relief Baby Kit Needs:

- Diapers — 22" x 27", flat and made from flannel
- Receiving blankets — 32" x 52", either rectangular or square
- T-shirts, footless sleepers, jackets, or sweaters — 6-24

We are also collecting items for LWR Personal Care Kits. Two items that are especially needed are:

- Toothbrushes
- Bath towels

SENIOR HIGH LUNCH - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Senior high lunch is being served 12:10pm, Mondays, during the school year. Volunteers are needed for set up, serving and clean up. If you are able to help, please contact Kyla Fetsch.



A Note from the Council President

As we enter a new season in the life of Our Saviors Lutheran Church, we do so with gratitude for God's faithfulness and with hope for the good things yet to come. The search for a new pastor is more than a transition; it is an opportunity for our congregation to listen, pray, reflect, and imagine how God is calling us to serve in the days ahead.

A new Call Committee will soon begin the important work of guiding this process on behalf of the congregation. Their role will include prayerful discernment, thoughtful conversation, and partnership with the synod as they help identify pastoral candidates whose gifts and sense of call may align with the mission and ministry of Our Saviors.

During this time, we are invited to look not only at what is changing, but also at what remains strong: our shared worship, our care for one another, our welcome to neighbors, and our commitment to being a faithful presence in the community. These gifts will continue to shape us as we prepare to welcome new pastoral leadership.

During this transition, we will be blessed by diverse voices leading our worship services, including Pastor Kerry Boese, Pastor Joanne Moeller, Lay Minister Michelle Watne, and our own Alan Olson. On Rally Sunday, September 13th, Kyla and I will present a message celebrating our vibrant youth programs.

As we navigate this season, let's hold the Call Committee, church leadership, and pastoral candidates in our prayers, trusting in God's guiding hand. Together, we move forward with open hearts and hopeful spirits.

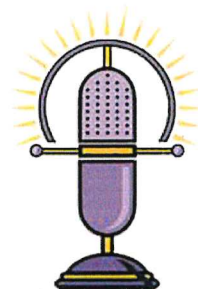
Tara Anderson



Next community closet will be Monday, October 12th from 5-7 pm. Set up will be Sunday, October 11th from 6-8 pm. Gently donated items may be left at the church. Of special note, there will be baby, toddler and kid size clothing. All items are free.

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

There are currently many Sundays open in November and December to sponsor. Please contact the office if you would like to help with this important outreach. If you have a special Sunday in mind, please reserve it as soon as possible to ensure it is available. The cost to sponsor each Sunday broadcast is \$100.





Treasurer's Report: Each council member was provided with a Balance Sheet, Quarterly Farm Fund Report, Profit & Loss YTD Comparison, and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

The following account balances as of July 31st were noted.

GENERAL FUND.....	\$277,662.83
BUILDING FUND.....	55,709.68
MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIPS.....	2,231.81
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.....	521.95
FARM FUND (Checking).....	\$225,705.02

Staff Reports:

- a. Pastor Jared Carson- A report is available in OneDrive (see uploaded document).
- b. Kyla Fetsch- Senior High Lunch will resume on August 24th, now scheduled for Mondays. The Senior High Youth Group will start on September 16th. Additionally, Kyla is collaborating with Bryce at Epworth United to establish a College Age Group. Confirmation Sunday scheduled for October 25th.

Committee Updates/Council Action

- a. Katie (Music & Worship)- Katie announced that the updated church service hours have been posted, beginning on September 13th with Sunday School and Fellowship at 9 AM, followed by services at 10 AM.
- b. Bill (Property) – Bill reported that the apartment above the church will soon be available. Bill also conducted a walkthrough of the parsonage and noted that it requires repairs, including painting and new flooring.
- c. Nate (Technology) – Nate raised the issue of who will be responsible for opening and closing the church. He emphasized that those individuals should also manage turning the lights on and off, ensuring candles are lit or extinguished, and checking the pews for any disarray, including straightening books and picking up items. The committee discussed plans to install a screen at the front of the sanctuary and mount a projector on the balcony backside. They also expressed interest in displaying the worship service on a TV screen in the youth room. Additionally, they are working on creating a better streaming schedule for the youth this year, potentially utilizing the SPOND app. The committee will also be responsible for operating the sound system for pastors.

Old Business

- a. Copier Purchase/Lease - Ross provided an update regarding the copier options. Katie made a motion to lease the copier, and Nate seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion to lease the copier was unanimously approved.
- b. Personnel Manual- Tara stated that the council needs to review some policies before approving the personnel manual.

New Business

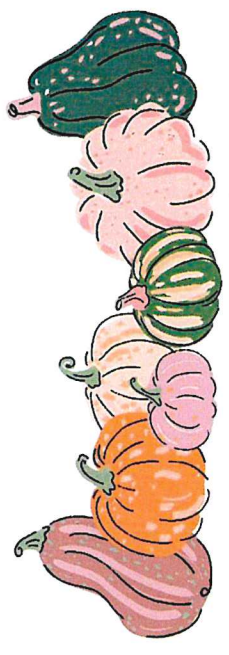
- a. Music Leader Compensation -Haley will call Faith Lutheran to inquire about their compensation for music leaders and will send an email update to the council members afterward.
- b. Time Change for Service – Starts September 13th with Sunday School and Fellowship at 9 AM, followed by services at 10 AM.
- c. Divided Cup for Intinction-Tabled for now until Annual Meeting as Congregation should get a say and vote.
- d. Call Committee- We have Dave Carlsrud, Addison and Cadence Fetsch, Lindsey Johnson, Ruth Larson, Nikki Johnson, Brenda White, Jason Manlove, Alan Olson, and Ross Powell as Council Rep. that have agreed to serve on Call Committee.
- e. Custodial/Service Master – Haley discussed the costs associated with Service Master. The council needs to decide whether to continue with Service Master or to hire a custodian directly. This topic will be discussed further at next meeting.

Deaths: Patricia Loven, Connie Dahl, Judy Karch, Jerry Huckle (Members) and Roger Haga (Inactive Member)



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 Quilters 12:30 Staff Meeting	2 9:30 Bible Study 4:30 Exec Team	3	4	5 7:30 am Men's Bible Study
8:45 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Worship 9:30 Facebook Live 11:00 Radio Broadcast	6 Labor Day Office Closed Building Closed No School/Sr. Lunch	8 9:00 Quilters 12:30 Staff Meeting	9 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation student/parent mtg @ Faith Lutheran 8:00 Council	10	11 	12 7:30 am Men's Bible Study
RALLY SUNDAY 9:00 Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 10:00 Facebook Live 11:00 Radio Broadcast	13  12:10 Sr. High Lunch	15 9:00 Quilters 12:30 Staff Meeting	16 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation @ Faith 7:30 Sr. High Youth	17	18	19 7:30 am Men's Bible Study
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New Worship Time
10:00 am

Coffee & Fellowship
9:00 am

Sunday School
9:00 am