

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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News FROM THE PEWS

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Even in the middle of the summer, with warm, sunny weather and the itch to be outdoors, it's not too early to be thinking about what's coming up in September, and beyond, at Our Savior's. Below are a few plans in the works for some returning and new things:

- J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) on Wednesday evenings for 1st-6th grade beginning in September.
- Confirmation Class on Wednesday evenings for 7th and 8th grade beginning in September.
- Something new: Are faith and life intersections puzzling or challenging? Want to dig deeper into scripture and its relevance for today? Be on the lookout for a Wednesday evening opportunity for adults and youth 9th grade and beyond.
- Families with youth - watch for information about an evening event (probably a Friday) including childcare and more. It's an idea in the works!
- A post-worship and fellowship conversation time - maybe called "P.S."— as an opportunity to discuss questions the sermon or scripture brought to mind. Or ponder ways the word could be taken into the world as we give thanks to God and leave.

Where might you plug in this fall? What might you like to see that is missing? How does your congregation need your gifts and talents to grow in spreading God's word and light?

Also, while we're at it, a gentle reminder that many of the ongoing expenses continue during the summer like electricity, water, payroll, insurance. Thank you for keeping your financial pledge as current as possible.

Blessings, Pastor Anna

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FISH

Thank you to the volunteers this month at FISH: Vicki Dunham, Stacey, Jordi & Grace Hansen, Judy Ludtke, Emil Vanni, Fred Martens, Carole Miller, Amy Ford, Shirley Boettcher, Lorraine & Jerry Myhr, Gloria Johnson, Juanita Hogenson, Darla Dillabough, Daryle Odden, Marlene Copenhaver, and Harold Spilde. The program could not operate without you!

WELCA News

- WELCA Board will meet on Wednesday, August 8 at 1:15 p.m.
- LOVE DAY will meet Thursday, August 2 and on August 16 starting at 9:30 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy fellowship and helping make beautiful quilts for Lutheran World Relief.
- CIRCLES will not meet in August.
- SUMMER BIBLE STUDY – using the Gather Magazine will be held August 22 at noon in the Memorial Room. Session Three will be *Let us pray-The expressions of prayer*. Copies can be obtained from the church office.
- LOOKING AHEAD-The *September Salad Potluck Luncheon* will be on Saturday, September 8 at noon with our own Judy Ericksen’s presentation of *You are The Potter-we are the clay*. Bring your favorite salad and a friend. Rolls, dessert and drinks will be provided.
- The *Montana Synodical Women’s 2018 Gathering* “Empowered by the Holy Spirit” will be September 29 at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Townsend. Contact the church office, circle coordinators Darla Dillabough and Gloria Johnson or Elaine Osborne for more information and registration forms.

Back to School Blessing

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 26th, for the blessing of backpacks and back to school during the worship service at 10:00 am. Watch the bulletins for more information.



Book Club

Like to read? Enjoy a variety of types of books? Come to the August Book Club meeting on Monday, August 27, at 6:30 pm at Pastor Anna’s home, 1000 45th Ave NE in Eagles Crossing. The book for August is Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee, and Pastor Anna has library copies available.

Our Savior’s Lutheran

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Anna Merritt	Pastor (H - 836-7464)
Emily Durazo	Parish Administrator
Harlan Orham	Treasurer
Ellen Forslund	Worship & Music Director
Madeleine Folkerts	Accompanist
Terry Lee	Custodian

COUNCIL

Jerry Ramstead	761-6639	President
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Tyler Gunderson	217-7028	Property & Finance
Linda Lassila	452-0565	Property & Finance
Don Marberg	788-7068	Worship & Music
Fred Martens	268-1431	Stewardship
Kathy Maynard	750-5446	Youth Member
Joyce Morgan	761-7894	
Teagan Olson	761-7696	

AUGUST SERVICE GROUP

Pat Tessmer	Laura Vanni-Kelly
David & Cynthia Thomas	Jeremy & Christi Virts
Marillyn Thomas	Verna Wade & Erma Bauder
Nancy Traner	Renate Weldele
Connie Tryon	Reg & Pam Wilkinson
Adam Vanni	JoAnn Woods
Emil & Sandra Vanni	<i>* name is the month's coordinator</i>



Blessings to all who celebrate birthdays in:
August!

If we have missed anyone's birthday, please call the Church Office.

Shelby Sechena	8/01	Erica Jovick	8/17
Lee Turville		Kristyn Anderson	8/18
Burdette Maffit	8/02	Ronald McLean III	
Sofia Molyneaux		Justin Pritchard	
Betty Johnson	8/03	Victoria McCuin	8/20
Jason Kotar		Mary Ellen Mewes	
Sara Luoma		Charlotte Myers	
John Engebretson	8/04	Devin Brown	8/21
Barbara McFarlane		Corbin Swanson	8/22
Megan Seaton	8/05	Bill Brown	8/23
Amy Krueger	8/06	Sue Dickenson	8/24
Eric Moore	8/08	Jessa Lynne Turville	8/25
Jacob Schmidt	8/09	Judy Ferguson	8/26
Brian Brown	8/10	Jenna Hill	8/27
Brook Clark	8/11	Louise Schaffel	
Brandon Stoverud		Krystal Tabacco	
Robert Miller	8/13	Nicholas Bargeon	8/29
Geoffrey Maynard	8/14	Daryl Lassila	
Tracy Milton		Michael Gunderson	8/31
Jan Riviere		Clark Seaton	
Griffin Schulz	8/15	Coltin Sweeney	

Summer Worship

An additional early morning Summer Worship Service is available at 8:15 am in the Sunshine Room. Come and worship!



Worship Transportation

Are you available to help transport folks to worship on Sunday mornings? Contact Bob Dickenson for more information!

Ladies: Let's Do Lunch



Come enjoy no-host lunch, fellowship, and one another's company at the next Ladies: Let's Do Lunch on Thursday, August 9th, 11:45 am, at Denny's. Please let Pastor Anna know you plan to attend by Monday, August 6. See you then (guests are welcome)!



Check out the website - oslcgreatfalls.org

The videos of Sunday's sermon can be found under the Media tab, along with pictures and more. Ideas for the website? Contact Emily in the church office.

Annual Pig Roast

It's time for the annual pig roast - a fun event with pulled pork, drinks and utensils provided, simply come and bring a dish to share. When? Saturday, August 25, beginning at 5:00 pm at Glenn and Elaine Osborne's.

Directory Update

Please update your home directories, as the following members have new information. If you need to make an adjustment to the directory please let Emily in the church office know.

Jan Kallestad
3118 4th St SW
Minot, ND 58701
406-452-3982

Jan Riviere
1335 Summit Ave Apt 107
Oshkosh, WI 54901
309-635-6275



St. John's Gospel Music Concert



The Johnson Brothers and special music guests will be performing on the large vacant lot next to St. John's Lutheran Church (5300 9th Ave S) on Sunday, August 12 from 1:00-4:00pm. There is a free hamburger and hot dog meal, and pie by the slice will be for sale by St. John's Women. There will be a bounce house and fun activities for the children. Bring the whole family for this free family event!

Family Promise Fundraiser

The 3rd annual Ramp It Up! Is coming Thursday, August 23rd, 5:00-9:00pm on the patio outside of the Sip-N-Dip/O'Haire Motor Inn upper parking deck. Advanced tickets are \$25 for adults, and \$15 for children under 12, (\$35 for adults at the door). Tickets are available at the Family Promise Hub, 1st Ave Auto Body, or Kaufman's. Come for an evening of food, music by El Wencho, prizes, photo booths, dancing, drinks and more!

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR EACH LRW SCHOOL KIT:

One of the major projects of LWR is the school kits, made and filled with some basic school supplies; sent by congregations to be distributed in areas where children are lacking even a minimum of opportunity for learning. With a school kit and a teacher, a child in a refugee camp, or other war-torn area, can begin to learn that there might be some hope for a better future. Supplies to fill the bags will be collected during late July and August taking advantage of the back-to-school store sales.

LWR is very specific about the kit's contents, so that each child gets what every other child gets---nothing more or less.

- ◇ Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide-or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper,
- ◇ One 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ◇ One pencil sharpener
- ◇ One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ◇ Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ◇ Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ◇ One box of 16 or 24 Crayola crayons
- ◇ One 2½" eraser

Supplies collected may be deposited in the marked box under the shelf in the hall outside of the office. Items should be new and in good condition. Last November, the congregation filled and sent 72 school kits to LWR.



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

June 2018		YEAR TO DATE	
Beginning Balance	-4,794.64	Beginning Balance	0
General Offerings	13,513.93	Offerings YTD	94,804.71
Disbursements	17,393.36	Disbursements YTD	103,478.78
Ending Balance	-8,674.07	Ending Balance	-8,674.07

A gentle reminder that expenses continue through the summer. Thank you for your continued monetary support and stewardship!

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

The June 24th total was \$105

Thank you for your generosity!



Thanks to be Shared:

“Thank you for the graduation wishes. Also thank you for the shawl and cookbook. I loved seeing everyone at the dinner. Thank you again for everything.” —Haley Milton

“Thank you for prayers, concerns, and acts of kindness during my recovery. God bless my church family.” —Catherine Krezelok

OSLC JAM VBS Children participated in a service project for the sack lunch program at First United Methodist Church made possible by Thrivent funds:

“Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so very much for the 150 lunches and water for our sack lunch program. We give out lunches Monday-Friday from 10:00-12:00 to anyone who comes to the door.” Sincerely, First United Methodist Church

Office Help Needed

Emily will be out of the office August 22, 23, 24, and 27. Volunteer office hours, 9:00a-12:00p will be in effect those days. Volunteers are asked to help “buzz” folks in the back door and take phone messages. If you are interested in volunteering in the office any of those days, please contact Emily in the church office. Thank you!