

# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

## Network

September 2023

### Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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on or before the 20<sup>th</sup>  
of the month*

Our Saviour's Lutheran  
Church is part of the:



East Central Synod of Wisconsin  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## From the Pastor

This will be a rushed writing because between setting up my office and settling into the rhythms of life here at Our Saviour's there has been a whole lot on my plate. This will be a brief note about my experience so far.

One of the discoveries that came from the office work was a large poster board that said: "**Core Value Identity Summary.**" This was work that the interim pastor had done with some folks around figuring out what a mission and vision for OSLC would be. Underneath this heading was the sentence fragment: "*A worship centered, joyful community serving where Christ leads.*" This is a wonderful sentiment and the council liked it too.

We value worship. Christians wouldn't be Christian without worship. The English roots of worship are to ascribe worth to something. That is why in some portrayals of ancient nobility, include people calling those above them, "Your Worship." When we gather, we ascribe worth of God for creating us, Christ for redeeming us, and the Holy Spirit for sustaining us throughout our lives. This also means that we approach the act of worship with care. You may have seen me facing different directions, moving around the channel, which is the technical, churchy word for everything past the communion rail. I have been doing so to shift our focus to various locations and aspects of worship. Next time you see me move around, think about where I am, what I'm looking at, and what that means about what is important in the moment.

I could write more about this, but I want to make sure that this and the rest of the Network gets into your hands. So, I'll talk more about being joyful and serving Christ later.

## Financial Report 2023

### Month of July 2023

Income	\$ 36,594.01
Expenses	\$ 30,032.92
Net	\$ 6,561.09

### TOTAL Jan – July 2023

Income	\$ 182,899.87
Expenses	\$ 158,553.30
Net	\$ 24,346.57

## Message from the Council

I am looking forward to October 14. Just a little tickle of information, presiding over the Installation will be ELCA East Central Synod Bishop Anne Edison-Albright. We will have as special guests' clergy both local and from a distance, also family and friends of Pastor Smoot. **Hopefully you will be in attendance.** And don't forget to bring a dish for the potluck. Pastor Smoot has also decided in the **Spirit of Tailgating** on brats and hotdogs. Look for more details in October Network.

*Gregory Latzig*  
Council President

## Our Saviour's Council

Greg Latzig – *President*    Angela Bailey – *Vice-President*    Aimee Pederson – *Secretary*  
Bruce Schleif - *Exec. Committee*  
Jackie Ackley            Christa Lahti            Brenda Mueller            Jay Peterson            Laurie Smith  
*Youth Representative – Ally Hoock*

## Our Saviour's Gives Back

Have you noticed the lime green bulletin board outside of the lounge? We now have an Our Saviour's Gives Back board. The purpose of the board is to give people ideas of where they might want to make a donation in order to further the upkeep, work, and mission of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Each category has envelopes to fill out and place in the offering plate or drop off at the office. Donations may be in honor or memory of someone, and recognition in the Network is optional. Thank you for your support of the work we do here at Our Saviour's!

## Can You Help?

We get it. Not everyone wants to commit to being on a committee fulltime, but wouldn't mind helping with projects that demonstrate our faith through outreach to our church, community and the world. The Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to help with specific time-limited projects. Please prayerfully consider helping out in one of the following ways:

- Christmas Spirit Appeal (skinny tree with children's names and gift requests). November-early December.
- Diaper Closet. Keep an eye on inventory and purchase supplies as needed; also needed, volunteer at the Diaper Closet for two hours once every few months.
- Dinner at Five. Help serve meals and clean up, two hours a few times a year (4<sup>th</sup> Mondays).
- Deliver Christ in our Home to shut in members, four times a year.
- Birthday in a Bag. Prepare simple gift bags and deliver them to the MAC Home as needed, 2-3 times a year.
- Little Diverse Library. Keep an eye on the little library in front of church, periodically straightening the books and requesting book donations as needed.
- Souper Bowl. Organize a friendly soup making competition, Super Bowl Sunday.
- Highway Clean Up. Pick dates and organize volunteers, two times a year.
- Fill the Gazebo. A few meetings, publicize, event in August.
- Potluck with a purpose. Organize a potluck to raise funds for a charity or cause.

There is a place for everyone! If you have questions or to volunteer, contact the office, Brenda Mueller, or Marie Rein.

## Needed: Team Members

Have you been looking for a team to join, but don't know what would be involved? All of the teams are looking for members. Each week a different team hosts the after worship fellowship in the lounge. Stop in and talk to one of the team members and they will be glad to give you information about the team or call the office for information.

## Happy Birthday, God's Work. Our Hands.!

God's Work. Our Hands. is celebrating its 10th year as an ELCA Project. The list of things our hands could do to encompass God's work would circle the globe. Here are just a few ideas. You get to choose. We hope many of you will opt for Number 1 as one of your choices.



1. Help with the Highway Q Cleanup on Saturday, September 16. Meet at the corner of Joe Snow and Hwy Q at 9:30. Bags and vests will be provided. Bring your own gloves.
2. Sign up to help with Dinner at 5 at St. Stephen's. OSLC helps once a month—the 4th Monday from 4:30 to 6:30. About 40 people are served each week. Volunteers help serve the food, buffet style, and then help clean up. It's always a good time.
3. Call or send a card to someone in assisted living.
4. Send someone an anonymous note listing qualities you admire about him or her.
5. Bring someone produce or flowers from your garden.

### FOR KIDS:

1. Leave change in a vending machine.
2. Bring pet food to the animal shelter.
3. Do a chore for someone without them knowing.
4. Talk to someone new at school.
5. Smile and say hello to everyone you see.

## New Stairs

Materials for the new steps are provided by Russ and Riesa Munger and Betty Latzig Family. Russ and Greg removed the old steps and set the forms for the new ones. Windy Hill Masonry of Gleason also donated the time of 2 mason workers on the day of the pour. Cindy painted the rails and marked the edges for safety.

## Monday Night Bible Study

"Everyday God", by Paula Gooder, (The author of "The Risen Existence", that we studied last spring) will be our text.

The church calendar highlights special festivals and seasons that focus on the spectacular actions of God such as Lent and Advent, Easter, and Christmas. But the longest season (split into two parts) is the time after Epiphany and the time of Pentecost. This season is also referred to as Ordinary Time in which the 33 weeks are numbered in the bulletins, "The First Sunday after Pentecost", etc.

This study focuses on 33 passages to recognize God's presence in everyday life; and encouraging us to see glimpses of God's glory in our ordinary lives.

Bible study meets Monday nights from 7:15 to 8:30 beginning Monday, September 11. All are welcome/encouraged to attend. There are no prerequisites. Study books are provided; bring your Bible or use one from the library.

## Scrip

The profits from the Scrip program are used for different teams and projects. Please purchase Scrip cards for all your shopping needs and support these projects.

Scrip will be available for purchase on the first weekend of the month before and after each worship service. We will do more weekends if the demand is there.

### ***Did You Know.....***

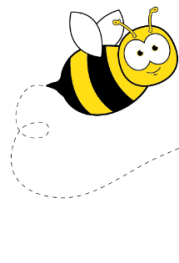
- *Brenda Mueller's new granddaughter, Emma Lynn Heyl was baptized on August 13 in Denver, CO.*
- *Lefse Rolling will be coming in Oct & Nov.*
- *Monday Night Bible Study will be starting on Sep 11.*
- *The Choir is combining with CUMC, contact Bea if you like to sign and want to join.*
- *In Oct we will have all Team meeting on the same night.*
- *Church committees are supplying treats and coffee in the lounge each week after Sunday services.*

If you have information to share with your church family, please

## Lounge Update

Laurie Smith is the chair of the team to update the lounge furniture. She has great people helping her, LeeAnn Lindquist, Kathi Peterson and Barb Peterson. If you have any questions on what they have come up with, ask one of the team members.

## DIAPER CLOSET DETAILS



The Diaper Closet is open on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Thanks to all of you who made generous monetary and diaper donations. With everyone doing a little we can provide this needed service to our community!

## Sunday Morning Fellowship

The following committees are taking turns providing treats.

If you would like to provide the treats for the fellowship time, contact the office.

***Family Ministry and Education (Week 1)***

***Property & Maintenance (Week 2)***

***Worship & Music (Week 3)***

***Outreach (Week 4)***

***Council (Week 5)***

## September 2023 – Birthdays

Nancy Muschinske	Sep 1
Carol Osness	Sep 2
Jodie Semling	Sep 2
Marie Rein	Sep 3
Vanya Thorson	Sep 4
Carol Engebretson	Sep 5
Carol Allen	Sep 6
Adalyn Blake	Sep 7
Leah Burbach	Sep 8
Shirley Engel	Sep 8
Darlene Mathis	Sep 9
Linda Blake	Sep 10
Kaylynn Allen	Sep 11
Dave Jannusch	Sep 12
Aimee Pederson	Sep 12
Treg Knospe	Sep 13
Dyllin Stockowitz	Sep 13
Ron Oestreich	Sep 15
Parker Blum	Sep 17
Taylor Dinges	Sep 17
Norman Hanson	Sep 18
Brody Johnas	Sep 18
Larry Lebal	Sep 18
Pam Kufahl	Sep 19
Gracie Van Vuren	Sep 19
Ruth Nelson-Lau	Sep 20
Halena Anderson	Sep 21
Dennis Blake	Sep 21
Cooper Theorin	Sep 21
Greg Latzig	Sep 24
Steve Schlinkert	Sep 25
Cheryl Dohm	Sep 26
Mardell Johnson	Sep 26
Ann Wick	Sep 26
Jean Bowen	Sep 27
Beverly Michalski	Sep 27
Joan Peterson	Sep 28
Marie Peterson	Sep 28
Sharon Dinges	Sep 29



## September 2023 – Anniversaries

Bob and Joann Opsahl	Sep 3
Don and Sarah Olson	Sep 10
Grant and Tammi Peterson	Sep 13
Dirk and Kathi Peterson	Sep 17
Norman and Carol Hanson	Sep 18
Steve and Laurel Stine	Sep 18
Joan and Randy Brandner	Sep 20
Dyllin and Makyla Stockowitz	Sep 21
Jay and Kristin Van Der Geest	Sep 26
Todd and Joy Annis	Sep 27
Mike and Kathy Marsceau	Sep 28
Ed and Wendy Dinges	Sep 30
Judy and Michael Pagel	Sep 30

## Our Saviour's Scrip Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ON HAND** Qty Total

**GROCERIES**

Cty Market - 3%	\$25		
Cty Market - 3%	\$50		
Cty Market - 3%	\$100		

**RESTAURANTS**

Arby's - 8%	\$10		
Arby's - 8%	\$25		
Chips - 10%	\$5		
Clark's Cup N Cone- 10%	\$10		
Culver's - 5%	\$10		
Culver's - 5%	\$25		
Dairy Queen - 10%	\$10		
Dairy Queen - 10%	\$20		
1st St. Coffee - 5%	\$5		
Friendship House - 5%	\$10		
Grand Stand - 5%	\$5		
Los Mezcales - 15%	\$10		
McDonald's - 5%	\$5		
McDonald's - 5%	\$10		
Pizza Hut - 8%	\$10		
Taco Bell - 5%	\$10		
Tex Roadhouse - 8%	\$25		

**FUEL**

Kwik Trip - 4%	\$25		
Kwik Trip - 4%	\$50		
Kwik Trip - 4%	\$100		

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Cosmo Child/Sr- 10%	\$5		
Cosmo Adult - 10%	\$8		
Fleet Farm - 3.5%	\$25		
Kohl's - 4%	\$25		
Menard's - 3%	\$25		
Rain Auto Wash - 10%	\$25		
Walgreens - 5%	\$25		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$25		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$50		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$100		

**SPECIAL ORDER LIST** Qty Total

*\*Other stores also be available - ask seller for details*


*Most popular special orders - many others also*

**RESTAURANTS**


**CLOTHING**


**MISCELLANEOUS**


*The following stores offer a check to Our Saviour's:*

Courtside Furniture - 4% (No Credit Card Purchases)

Miller Furniture - 4% (No Credit Card Purchases)

Central Carpet - 5% up to \$2000 (No installation or other discounts)

Hargrave Appliances - 3% (No Credit Card Purchases)

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Cash Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship
<b>3</b> 9:00a Worship	<b>4</b> Office Closed	<b>5</b> 4:30p Worship & Music	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:30a Mission Sewing 6:30p Family Ministry and Education	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship
	<b>11</b> 8:00a TOPs 10:15a Esther Circle 1:00p Miriam Circle 6:00p Busy Bees 4-H 7:15p Adult Bible Study	<b>12</b> 3:00p Diaper Closet 3:30p Finance 5:00p Outreach 6:00p Property & Maintenance	<b>13</b> 3:30p Confirmation 6-8 Grade 6:00p Choir Rehearsal at CUMC	<b>14</b> 8:30a Mission Sewing 1:00p Ruth Circle	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00a AA Meeting 9:00a Highway Cleanup 4:30p Worship
	<b>18</b> 8:00a TOPs 7:15p Adult Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 3:30p Confirmation 6-8 Grade 6:00p Council	<b>21</b> 8:30a Mission Sewing	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00a AA Meeting 9:00a Diaper Closet 4:30p Worship
	<b>25</b> 8:00a TOPs 7:15p Adult Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 3:30p Confirmation 6-8 Grade	<b>28</b> 8:30a Mission Sewing	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship

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