

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Salt Shaker

Summer 2023



**You are welcome
at Our Savior's
where we're all about
"connecting
people to God,
people to people,
and people to mission."**

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Pastor's Letter

OSLC Members and Friends,

One of the first things I learned about Our Savior's was that our mission is all about connecting - connecting people and God, people and people, and people and mission. I'm not sure when this mission statement came about - we very well may be due for a new one! But as someone with a strength for connecting, I love that connection is lifted up in this congregation.

In a world that is more connected than ever, thanks to our modern technology, we remain disconnected in so many ways. I've heard numerous news stories in recent years about our epidemic of loneliness in the US. I've sensed from people in our community that they long for connection.

But what is it that we're really looking for?

It seems to me that connecting is more than a friendly greeting. It's getting to tell your story and having someone listen. It's more than knowing something about someone. It's knowing them. It's more than surface talk. It's going deeper and getting at what's really important.

To connect, we have to be vulnerable, and that can be scary. But the cost of disconnecting is greater. Making a connection is life-giving.

This summer, I invite you to join me in developing deeper connection through worship, fellowship, faith formation, and intentional story-telling opportunities. I'd love for our halls to echo with welcomes and hellos, as well as, "Let me tell you a story"

-Pastor JoHanna



Summer Read-Along

Our summer series is loosely based on the book "Beyond Chit-Chat" by Dave Daubert and Elaina Salmon. If you'd like to read along individually or use this resource with a small group, you may purchase the book at www.day8strategies.com.

Giving Opportunities

The Gift of Song

Last year, generous donors enabled the purchase of a small set of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book (also known as the ELW, or Cranberry hymnal) and it has been well received. We'd like to proceed with having a full set to use in worship services, including funerals, weddings, and baptisms.

To fund this endeavor, we invite you to give a hymnal in memory or honor of someone you love!

The cost for a hymnal donation is \$30 each. This includes the purchase of the hymnal, bookplate, and helps to cover the cost of shipping.

Please bring in or send your donation (marked "hymnals") to the office and talk with Maryln to complete the bookplate information.

We will gather funds through June.

Love Fund

Our "Good Samaritan" Fund is used to respond to the needs of our neighbors, such as providing a tank of gas, shelter for a night, or transportation to and from necessary services. This last quarter, we provided a stranded family with two nights at a hotel while they awaited a pick-up. Our current balance is now **-\$119.32**.

If you feel moved to contribute toward this fund to help neighbors in need, please designate all gifts as "love fund." Thank you for loving Jesus and our neighbors in this way.

Thank You!

A number of our wish-list items have been provided for by generous donors! In the past quarter, we have been able to purchase a new microphone stand and wireless microphone pack (still on backorder, but arriving soon!). THANK YOU for helping to improve our space and technology by giving to cover the cost of these items.

The following items are still on, or have been added to our wish-list:

- New Office Desktop Computer (\$1,000)
- New Sanctuary Desktop Computer (\$1,000)
- Pulpit Microphone (\$100)

Financial Snapshot

See the treasurer's report for a fuller picture. The report is available for pick-up in the church office.



Worship @ QSLC

Celebration of Renewed Life

Wednesday, May 31, at 6:30 pm, we will hold a special worship service of celebration in which Brian Sowatski will share his story of finding Christ through recovery, as well as offer a time to mark renewed faith with an affirmation of baptism. Anyone who would like to remember or affirm their baptism may take an active role in the service. May 31 is the eve of Brian's 27 year anniversary of finding Jesus through recovery.

Pause with God

Beginning June 5, on Mondays, from 7-9 pm, the sanctuary will be a quiet and calm place to take a pause from life's chaos and spend time with God. Come listen to music and spend some one-on-one time with God in his house. You may come and go as ready, refreshed by God's peace for whatever is ahead.

S'More Worship

Come gather around a campfire for S'More Worship! We'll sing songs, tell stories, and enjoy some tasty S'Mores. Bring a lawn chair and some roasting sticks. S'More Worship is planned for Wednesdays, June 14 and August 16. We'll join with our friends from St. Olaf and Red Willow Bible Camp on Thursday, July 13 for a VBS version of S'More Worship. Can't wait to see you there!

Summer Worship Schedule

MAY

28 Sunday - Pentecost
10am - Service of the Word

31 Wednesday
6:30pm - Celebration of
Renewed Life

JUNE

04 Sunday
10am - Service of the Word
(pre-recorded)

11 Sunday
10am - Holy Communion

14 Wednesday
7pm - S'More Worship

18 Sunday
10am - Service of the Word

25 Sunday
10am - Story & Song

JULY

02 Sunday
10am - Story & Song

09 Sunday
10am - Holy Communion



Events @ ASLC

Devils Run Pancake Feed

Saturday, June 3 is the Devils Run Pancake Feed. Proceeds from the event will support the youth going to the National Youth Gathering in 2024. Let's support them by donating items and our time. Sign-up [online](#) to help, or call the church office.

First Word Bible Study

Join Pastor JoHanna in taking a look at the Scripture for the week on Mondays at 5:30 pm. Everyone is invited to bring their wonderings, questions, and related stories to this study that will last no more than 45 minutes.

Sip & Dip

Come for a sip of coffee and dip into fellowship on Fridays, June 9 and July 14 at 2 pm. June's featured entertainment is a cake walk and July's is a magic show by Ben and Peter Foss.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is July 10-13, 9-3, at Ruger Park. Join with friends from St. Olaf and Red Willow Ministries for a week of Bible stories, games, snack, and songs! Register today [online](#).

Worship Schedule, continued

JULY, cont.

13 Thursday

TBD - Campfire with VBS

16 Sunday

10am - Service of the Word

23 Sunday

10am - Christmas in July

30 Sunday

10am - Service of the Word

AUGUST

06 Sunday

10am - Holy Communion

13 Sunday

10am - Service of the Word

16 Wednesday

7pm - S'More Worship

20 Sunday

10am - Holy Communion

27 Sunday

10am - Service of the Word



From the Office & Council

Text Messages & Emails

We want to stay in touch with you! We use Flocknote to send out informational text messages (cancellations, postponements, or last-minute changes, for example), as well as on occasional greeting. To receive the messages, **text OURSAVIORLIVES to 84576.**

To receive the weekly Salt Shaker (a shorter, timely email with announcements), please complete the subscribe form on our website, under the happenings tab: www.oursaviorsdevilslake.org/subscribe.html OR contact the church office.

Council Meeting Summaries

Action-items from recent council meetings are listed below. Full council meeting minutes are available for pick-up in the church office.

March 20, 2023

Approved a wedding to be held at Our Savior's in October 2023.

April 17, 2023

Approved a hold on the lending out of any items from church property.

May 15, 2023

No actionable items.

Next Council Meeting: June 19, 2023

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