

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Salt Shaker

Fall 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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Beloved Members and Friends of OSLC,

As I write this letter, we are wrapping up our summer worship series where we have asked a series of questions meant to foster connection. And to be honest, I'm not ready for the conversation to end. It seems like we're just beginning to get to the good stuff. The worship liturgy has stuck with me throughout the week. The sharing in our weekly Bible study has helped me know you better. Your engagement with the questions post-service have helped me to see where the Spirit is active in the day-to-day.

But the thing is, the end of the worship series does not mark the end of our conversations. The questions of "Where are you from?" and "Where does it hurt?" and "What do you need?" will continue. And, we will add to these questions more questions like, "Where are you finding joy right now?" and "What are you longing for?" and "Whom do you need beside you to walk this road?"

The conversions will continue. Connections will continue to be made and strengthened. We must continue to intentionally connect for the sake of God's mission, of which we are called to take part.

There are people in our community who have been told they don't belong; there isn't a place for them at the table. Can we be the community in which they encounter a God whose love is boundless? We have friends and neighbors who are hurting and alone. Can we be the ones to offer tangible love and care? There are communities in our nation and throughout the world that are in need of relief from the burdens they carry. Can we be the church that works for justice and peace?

Yes, we can, because, no, this is not the end of conversation. As we turn a corner on the season, we continue to nurture connection with God, with people, and with mission. Together, we continue to connect. It is a joy to journey with you in the mission we share.

Pastor JoHanna

Giving Opportunities

Raise the Roof Fund

As of August 16, we have raised approximately \$41,000 of the \$100,000 estimated to complete the roof replacement of the domed sanctuary roof. Thank you to all who have given to the fund or have come up with creative ways to boost the fund!

After considering several bids, the church council selected Tecta America to do the replacement. They were prompt in their bid and quick to answer any questions we had. If their schedule allows, they will begin work this fall. Otherwise, we will be first on their list come spring.

Donations to the roof fund may be made by cash or check and marked "roof fund" or on our website under the giving tab; choose "roof fund" as the designation.

Catch the latest updates on the fund each week in our email blast, as well in worship announcements and on the "raise the roof" painting in our welcome space.

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. We have not used the funds this past quarter, but we are at the ready to respond with generous donations that have brought the fund to a total of \$500. 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!

In the past quarter, we have purchased 90 new ELW hymnals and celebrated the installation of a brand new dishwasher! THANK YOU for enhancing our worship and community life with these gifts!

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)
- Fixed Pulpit Microphone (\$100)
- "This is the Day" Rug for designated children's conversation space in the sanctuary (\$400)

Financial Snapshot

as of July 31, 2023

General Operating Budgeted Income Year-to-Date	\$118,269.08
General Operating Actual Income Year-to-Date	\$99,155.77
+ Savings	\$6,001.13
Difference	-\$13,112.18



Worship @ OSJC

Narrative Lectionary Resources

This academic year, we will once again be moving through the Narrative Lectionary in our worship services and faith formation programs. This means that throughout the year, we will read and ponder the scope of the biblical narrative, beginning with the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible), and then moving into the New Testament as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

The Narrative Lectionary was designed to be used in Christian communities to increase biblical literacy. It has four different cycles, each one focusing on a different Gospel. This year's Gospel is Mark.

I invite you to enhance your worship experience by reading between the weekly lessons. The following free resources are available to you:

- Spirit and Truth Publishing publishes an online daily reading calendar on their website:
<https://spiritandtruthpublishing.com/calendar/>.
- Clergy Stuff offers a free daily devotion that follows the narrative lectionary on their resource [page](#).
- Bible Worm is a podcast in which a Christian and a Jew discuss the weekly readings. It can be found at <https://www.biblewormpodcast.com>.

Fall Worship Highlights

Sunday worship services are at 10 am. The first and third Sundays of each month are services of Holy Communion.

Wednesday worship services are at 6 pm beginning September 6. Holy Communion will be celebrated the Wednesdays before the first and third Sundays of the month. **Wednesday worship will NOT be held on Wednesdays that are early outs.** Instead, we will use the time to prepare for upcoming worship services.

Special Services:

Sunday, Sept. 10
a Gospel Music Service
with Rick Senger

Sunday, Oct. 29
a Reformation Day celebration
and Commissioning
of Confirmands

Wednesday, Nov. 22
an OSJC & St. Olaf
Thanksgiving at the Table
hosted at Our Savior's



Faith Formation @ OSLLC

Wed/Sun School School

Wednesday School is Wednesdays at 3:45 pm, beginning September 6. Kindergarten through sixth grade students are invited for a time of snacks, songs, Bible stories, games, and crafts. We wrap up at 5 pm. A complete schedule is posted on our website. Please note that we will not meet for Wednesday School on the days there are early dismissals: September 20, 27, October 15, November 13, and December 13.

Sign-up online through Flocknote at <https://oursaviorslutherandl.flocknote.com/signup/131900>

Sunday School starts is Sundays at 8:45 am, beginning September 10.

Kindergarten through sixth grades students are invited for a time of snacks, songs, Bible stories, games, and crafts. We end at 10 am.

Sign-up online through Flocknote at <https://oursaviorslutherandl.flocknote.com/signup/132740>

Confirmation

Confirmation program begins on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7 pm with a Youth and Adult Meeting.

Confirmation is for students ready to be strengthened in their faith (typically 7-10th grade). We will meet on Wednesdays at 7 pm, rotating through Core Events, Fellowship Nights, and Service Nights. We will not meet on Wednesdays when there are early outs.

Let Pastor know you'll be part of the confirmation program this year by signing up [here](#).

Fall Family Events

Wednesday, Sept. 6
Wednesday Program Kick-Off
Potluck (free-will offering going to the roof fund)

Sunday, Sept. 10
Sunday Program Kick-Off
Potluck (free-will offering for the the roof fund)

Friday, October 27
6:30 pm - Halloween Movie Night

Sunday, October 29
6:30 pm - Trunk Or Treat

First Look Bible Study

Join Pastor JoHanna in taking a look at the Scripture for the week. Everyone is invited to bring their wonderings, questions, and related stories to this study that will last no more than 45 minutes. And you can jump in any time - no prep needed! We currently meet Mondays at 5:30. Watch for text/email alerts through Flocknote, worship announcements, and Facebook updates for any changes to our schedule.



From the Office & Council

Office Manager Opening

Given our current staffing needs, we have once again combined the office administrator and communications positions into one. We are now seeking an office manager with responsibilities in office administration, financial management, and communications. The position is 30-hours per week, and offers six paid holidays and 1 week vacation. Tell your friends and check out the full job description on our website:

www.oursaviorsdevilslake.org.

Join the Flock!

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.

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Discovery Preschool Expanding in New Location

Bethany Narveson has informed the council that Discovery Preschool is expanding! This is wonderful news for Bethany and the Devils Lake community, but sad news for us, as it means the preschool will be moving to a different property. We give thanks that we have been able to partner with Discovery Preschool over the last five years to meet a need in this community, and we prayerfully seek ways we might be able to continue to do so. There is no definite date for the preschool's move, but we anticipate it will happen late fall or early winter. We invite you to be part of the conversations happening around how to best use our space to further God's mission in the coming months and years. Contact Pastor JoHanna if you have a vision to offer!

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.

June 19, 2023

Approved motion to accept bid from Tecta America to replace the domed sanctuary roof for an estimated \$95,300 and set goal to raise \$100,000 for the project, with raising at least half before taking out a loan to cover the remainder.

July 11, 2023

Approved a motion to purchase 90 ELW hymnals using a combination of designated funds and the choir fund.

August 14, 2023

No actionable items voted on.

Next Council Meeting: September 18 at 6:30 pm.