

THE CALL

August and September Happenings

August 15th & 16th - Noisy Offering benefiting Lutheran Service of Iowa (LSI)
 August 16th - Stewardship and Evangelism Team Meeting 11:45 am
 August 17th - Women's Lunch at Lansky's 11:30 am
 August 18th - Men's Breakfast at Legends at 8:30 am
 August 19th - OSL Executive Committee 6:00 pm / Council Meeting 6:30 pm
 August 22nd - No Saturday Night Worship
 August 23rd - Backpack, Student and Teacher Blessing 10:30 am
 August 23rd - OSL Annual Business Meeting 11:45 am
 August 29th - Altar Guild Meeting 10:00 am
 September 5th - Coffee Fellowship 5:00 pm
 September 6th - No Worship Team meeting
 September 7th - OSL Office Closed for Labor Day
 September 13th - Rally Sunday 9:30 am
 September 13th - Tech and Property Team Meetings 11:45 am
 September 14th - Education Team Meeting 6:30 pm
 September 15th - Men's Breakfast at Legends at 8:30 am
 September 16th - OSL Executive Committee 6:00 pm / Council Meeting 6:30 pm
 September 19th & 20th - Noisy Offering benefiting HopeNet Ministries 10:30 am
 September 20th - Stewardship and Evangelism Team Meeting 11:45 am
 September 21st - Women's Lunch at TBA 11:30 am
 September 22nd - New Member Gathering 5:30 pm
 September 27th - OSI 150th Anniversary Celebration Noon to 3:00 pm
 September 28th - All Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Worship Assistants

August

DATE	BIBLE READERS	PRAYER LEADS
Aug. 2	Marolyn Nuzum	Jo Schaa
Aug. 9	Doug Peterson	Jim Christiansen
Aug. 16	Kaitlin Carlon	Stephanie Lainson
Aug. 23	Alan Hesse	Roger Carlon
Aug. 30	Marcia Blain	Marolyn Nuzum

September

DATE	BIBLE READERS	PRAYER LEADS
Sept. 6	Roger Carlon	Peggy Golden
Sept. 13	Stephanie Lainson	Kaitlin Carlon
Sept. 20	Jo Schaa	Cooper Schaa
Sept. 27	Jim Christiansen	Marolyn Nuzum

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Seasons in the Sun!

As the seasons begin to change, we are reminded that change is a part of God's creation. Summer gives way to autumn. Seeds become harvest. Day becomes night, and morning comes again. Throughout Scripture, God's people are continually invited into something new—not because God has changed, but because God is always leading us forward.

I believe that is true for Our Saviors Lutheran Church as well.

The future of OSL will not be written by one pastor, one council, or a handful of faithful volunteers. It will be written by a congregation that listens together for the Holy Spirit, trusts God's promises, and is willing to answer the simple question, "Lord, how are you calling me to serve?"

Our Annual Meeting is more than a business meeting. It is an opportunity to prayerfully discern the next chapter of our shared ministry. Together we will elect new leaders, celebrate God's faithfulness, and look with hope toward the future God is unfolding before us. I encourage every member to be present. Your voice matters. Your prayers matter. Your presence matters.

Since arriving at OSL, one of my hopes has been that every member would find one place to serve—a single ministry or team where their gifts can flourish with joy instead of feeling pulled in many directions. Scripture reminds us that the Body of Christ has many members, each with unique gifts, and every gift is needed. When each of us offers what God has entrusted to us, the whole church becomes stronger.

Perhaps God is calling you to serve in a new way. Perhaps your ideas, your experience, your compassion, or your willingness to simply say, "I'll help," are exactly what someone else has been praying for.

The future of OSL is not something we wait to discover. It is something we prayerfully build together, one faithful step at a time. As we look ahead, let us do so with courage, generosity, and hope, trusting that the God who has carried this congregation through every season is already preparing us for what comes next. May we have ears to hear, hearts to serve, and faith to follow wherever Christ leads.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Doug

**YOU AND I
CAN HELP**

OSL YOUTH & FAMILY

Student, Backpack, and Teacher Blessing

Sunday August 23rd at 10:30 am

Rally Sunday - Sunday School Kickoff

Sunday, September 13th

Pancake Feed 9:15 am

Sign up for Sunday School with this QR code



Confirmation is back!

If you are in 6th - 8th grade and are interested in learning more about your faith, plan on joining us on August 23rd to learn more about confirmation.

Parents - Please contact Pastor Doug and let him know if your preteen / teen is ready for confirmation and he will send you more information.

August & September Confirmation Schedule:

August 23rd - Confirmation Information Meeting 9:30 am

September 2nd - Confirmation Cook-off Kickoff at Saint John's

September 9th - Confirmation at Saint John's 6:30 pm

September 14th - Education Team Meeting 6:30 pm

September 16th - Confirmation at OSL Food and Pet Pantry 6:30 pm

September 23rd - Confirmation at Saint John's 6:30 pm

September 30th - Confirmation Fellowship at Emanuel 6:30 pm



OSL Food and Pet Pantry

A community ministry of OSL

The OSL Food & Pet Pantry has been blessed by the dedication of countless volunteers over the years. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our Thursday volunteers and leaders for their years of faithful service, compassion, and commitment.

As we continue to evaluate how best to serve our neighbors and steward our volunteer resources, we are updating our pantry schedule. Beginning immediately, the OSL Food & Pet Pantry will be open:

- Fridays | 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- First Come, First Served
- No Appointment Necessary

We hope this new schedule will allow us to continue offering a welcoming and efficient pantry ministry. We also want to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who supports this ministry through donations of food, pet supplies, and financial gifts. Your generosity allows us to continue providing nutritious food for families and their beloved pets. Every donation, every volunteer hour, and every act of kindness helps us share Christ's love in practical ways.

As Jesus reminds us in Matthew 25:35, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." This ministry is one of the many ways our congregation lives out Christ's call to love and serve our neighbors. Thank you for being part of this ministry. Together, we continue to serve our neighbors with compassion, dignity, and hope.

Pantry Needs

August

School Lunch Items

Personal Hygiene Items

September

Cereal & Breakfast Items

Laundry Soap & Dryer Sheets

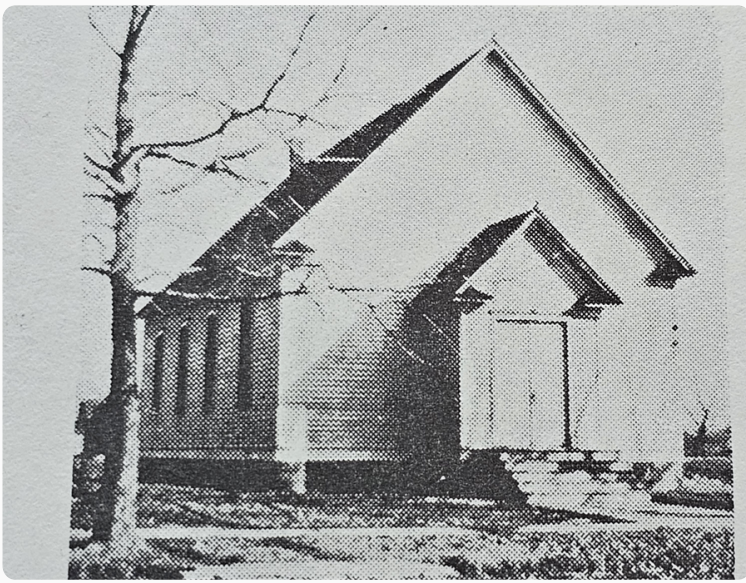
Donated items can be dropped off in the grocery cart in the church or dropped off at the church office during office hours.

Volunteers

The OSL Pantry is in need of volunteers to help us:

- Unload the truck
- Stock the shelves
- Pack/Pick orders
- Greet our neighbors

Contact Kristina, OSL Pantry Director, by calling the church office to sign up today.



150 Moments in 150 Years A Legacy of Faith: Confirmation

One of the greatest joys of a congregation is watching each new generation grow in faith. For 150 years, Our Saviors has gathered young people, families, sponsors, and teachers around God's Word as they learn what it means to live out the promises first spoken at baptism.

Imagine the first young people preparing for confirmation at Our Saviors. They were part of a new congregation, many from families who had come to this country seeking a new life while carrying their faith with them. They learned Scripture, the catechism, and the traditions of their Lutheran faith—and in doing so, helped establish a legacy that continues today.

The lessons and classrooms may have changed over the years, but the heart of confirmation remains the same: God's grace is for you, and your baptism calls you to live as Christ's disciple.

As another confirmation year begins this fall, we give thanks for every young person who has stood before this congregation to affirm their faith, and for the pastors, parents, mentors, teachers, and congregation members who have walked alongside them.

The faces change. The generations change. God's promise does not.

As we continue celebrating 150 Years: A Legacy of Faith, we invite everyone to join us on Sunday, September 27, from noon to 3:00 p.m. for our 150th Anniversary celebration. Save the date! More details will be coming soon, so watch for our weekly anniversary reminders and visit the OSL website for updates.

150 years behind us. A legacy of faith. Honoring our past, celebrating our present, inspiring our future.

OSL Council

President----- Alan Hesse
 Vice President----- Bruce Sager
 Secretary----- Jolene Schaa
 Treasurer----- Robert Mayhew
 Education Liaison----- Stephanie Lainson
 Mission Liaison----- Open Position*
 Service Liaison----- Open Position*
 Worship Liaison----- Doug Peterson

*If interested, please contact Alan or Bruce

THANK YOU



TO OUR LAWN
 MOWING TEAM
 CHAD, COOPER
 AND JO SCHAA

Attendance

Month of:	In Person Attendance	Online Views	Total Attendance
May	Sat - 77 / Sun - 192	42	311
June	Sat - 74 / Sun - 185	45	304

FINANCE UPDATE

	JAN	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	To Current Mo
Weekly Offering	\$12,216.22	\$16,149.16	\$19,329.85	\$19,047.57	\$13,778.78	\$16,156.92	\$96,678.50
Specified Giving	\$3,870.83	\$3,870.83	\$3,870.83	\$3,870.83	\$3,870.83	\$3,870.83	\$23,224.98
Total Budgeted Giving	\$16,087.05	\$20,019.99	\$23,200.68	\$22,918.40	\$17,649.61	\$20,027.75	\$119,903.48
Actual							
Weekly Offering	\$11,186.17	\$10,209.45	\$19,213.84	\$14,043.00	\$18,890.00	\$15,440.15	\$88,982.61
Difference	-\$1,030.05	-\$5,939.71	-\$116.01	-\$5,004.57	\$5,111.22	-\$716.77	-\$7,695.89
Specified Giving	\$1,577.24	\$1,972.87	\$3,594.57	\$5,428.23	\$2,140.20	\$1,660.00	\$16,373.11
Difference	-\$2,293.59	-\$1,897.96	-\$276.26	\$1,557.40	-\$1,730.63	-\$2,210.83	-\$6,851.87
Total Actual Giving	\$12,763.41	\$12,182.32	\$22,808.41	\$19,471.23	\$21,030.20	\$17,100.15	\$105,355.72
Difference	-\$3,323.64	-\$7,837.67	-\$392.27	-\$3,447.17	\$3,380.59	-\$2,927.60	-\$14,547.76

OSL NEW WEBSITE

Check out the new OSL website at oursaviorscb.org
for all the latest OSL information



OSL Choir is Returning This Fall!

Do you enjoy singing? Whether you've sung in a choir for years or simply love to lift your voice in worship, you're invited to join the OSL Choir, led by Christian Perez!

The choir will begin Sunday, September 13, and will sing once each month during worship on the following dates:

September 13

October 11

November 8

December 13

On choir Sundays, please arrive at 10:00 a.m. for a brief rehearsal and run-through of that day's music before worship.

If you would like to participate, please let the church office know. To help everyone feel prepared, we'll send the sheet music about a week in advance, along with a YouTube link or a recorded piano accompaniment so you can become familiar with the music at home.

As we begin, our focus will simply be on singing together, getting to know one another, and discovering who enjoys sharing their gifts in this ministry. We'll start with accessible music and build from there as the choir grows and gains confidence.

No audition is required—just a willing heart and a desire to praise God through music. We hope you'll consider joining us as we make a joyful noise to the Lord together!

August Birthdays

Charlotte Aten
Boris Baer
Time Brown
Don Christensen
Lyndsey Davids
Meika Daniels
Pat Dilley
Ean Krammerer
Dennis Madden
Mallory Miller
Marybeth Myers
Ashtyn Neill
Rosie Rathman
Jo Schaa
Kathy Scott
Sharon Shull
Arlene Tannahill
Joyce White

August Anniversaries

Bob and Sherry Watt
Tim and Jamie Bellows
Tim and Julie Brown
Lewis and Lyndsey Davids
Alan and Teresa Pambeck

September Anniversaries

Gary and Sally Paulsen

If we have missed a birthday or
anniversary this month, let us
know!
email Office@oursaviorscb.org

September Birthdays

Amanda Bartling
Alexis Bellows
Joe Brown
Trista Cornelison-Patton
Fred Lainson
Kye Martin
Marlo Modra
Joyce Mynster
Rachel Neill
Lonnie Riche
Louis Stortenbecker
Amanda Vrba
Mary Volkmann
Grant Watson
Gabiella Yabut



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If you have something you would like to submit for 'The Call' please email it to office@oursaviorscb.org by the third Thursday of the month.

Verses of the Month

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6:

Mission Statement:
Welcoming all to feel God's grace and love

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