

New Sense

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

August 2026

Rally Sunday
AUGUST 2ND

Blessing of the Backpacks
for children returning to school

WELCA Sunday
AUGUST 16TH

Blessing of the Quilts
Blessing of the Personal Care Kits
Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

A Word from Pastor Chris:

¹⁵ Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." (Matt 16:15-16)

August is when I find it's most helpful to prepare for fall ministry programming in a church. Summer has come and gone. Vacation Bible School and family vacations are finished. And in August, a new school year begins bringing new activities and new routines for families. This is the time to get a new foothold on the year and to press forward in good faith toward the Fall season with renewed vision and purpose – both as family units and as a church.

The Gospel of Matthew records a time when Jesus asked his disciples the question of who people said he was. They responded that people believed Jesus to be one of the prophets. Yet Jesus pressed the question further, making it personal. Jesus asked, "But who do you say that I am?"

What do you think people say about our church in Johnson City?

I recently had a chance to read an online discussion about what people were saying concerning some of the local churches in our area. One particular couple had recently moved to Johnson City and were looking for a new church home. Suddenly there were dozens of opinions about what church this couple should try... and there were several recommendations about what churches they should avoid! I was pleasantly surprised to see our church mentioned as one recommended.

What is our witness? What is our legacy? And just as Jesus pressed the question, moving from what other people said to what you say personally, what do you say about our church?

As we prepare for the season of Fall, I want to say that Our Saviour Lutheran Church on Sunset Boulevard is place where Jesus is glorified. It's a church where people both young and old can gather to grow in faith. It's a place where God's grace and mercy abound all year long.

Peace,
Pastor Chris Heinold

Worship Schedule

9:00 AM Coffee Social Hour
Adult Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service

Staff

Chris Heinold, Pastor
Laurel Toft, Office Admin
Martha Hawk, Music Director
Carolynn Bailey, Organ/Keyboard

Council & Officers

Allan Forsman, President
Frankie Lane-Odiorne, Vice Pres.
Alex Bolger, Secretary
Paul Gregory, Treasurer/Finance
Karen Wilson, Financial Secretary
Tom Marshall, Support, Property, Stewardship
Zach Olsen, Worship, Worship/Music, Media/Tech
Teresa Sweet, Service, Outreach
Ricki Doty, Learning, Youth, Christian Education
Tandy Hobbs, Witness, In-Reach

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www.youtube.com/@OSLCTN



Announcements

CPR Class – Kristi Ellenbecker would like to teach a CPR class at church (possibly in September, based on the number of people who sign up). There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the main hallway. *Please put your name on the list if you would like to learn CPR.*

UPDATE August Primetimers: Our “**Summer Picnic**” will be on **THURSDAY, August 6th**. We will have it in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30AM. Patty Sorenson is our host and will be providing pulled pork BBQ. Iced tea, water, and table settings will be provided. Bring your favorite dish to share. Sharon Harshman will send out an RSVP about a week before. If you are not currently part of the Primetimers group, but would like to get in on the fun, contact Sharon at sharonharshman1@gmail.com or call (423)282-0400 (land line).

We would like to keep our Prayer List in the bulletin current. If your loved one is doing better and can be taken off the list, or if you know of someone who needs prayer, please contact the office at Office@OSLC.church to let us know. Thank you.

Parents Day Out (PDO) is an important ministry for Our Saviour Lutheran Church. As you go to the sales to do your “Back to School” shopping (or for those of you who are no longer school shopping), here are a few items you can pick up for our PDO: Glue sticks, washable paints, crayons, baby wipes, white card stock, construction paper, Clorox wipes, disinfecting spray. Please place your donated items in the bin marked “PDO” on the bench in the main hallway.

On a Musical Note: Our July rehearsal break has come to an end, and it is time to get back to work! Choir/Band practice will resume on Wednesday, August 5th, at 4:30PM. We are adding a Hand Chime group and also planning to include more opportunities for instrumentalists! If you are interested in joining the choir or chime group, or would like to share your musical talents, please text Martha Hawk at 423-646-1233 or email her at c.hawkvocalstudio@gmail.com

Primetimers for September will be Wednesday, September 2nd at Applebees, with the Chalkleys hosting.

Melting Pot Crew – will meet on August 11th and 12th (mornings) to prepare 180-200 meals and help with delivery. If you would like to volunteer to help feed the homeless and food challenged people of our community, contact Sharon Harshman at sharonharshman1@gmail.com or call her at 423-282-0400 (land line, no texts).

Lutheran Guys & Gals Lunch – will meet at 11:45AM on Monday, August 17th at Cootie Browns at 2715 N. Roan Street. Sharon will send out an RSVP a week before. Hope to see you there! For more information, or to get in on the fun, contact Sharon Harshman at sharonharshman1@gmail.com or call her at 423-282-0400 (land line, no texts).

UPDATE to Cover Girls – We will NOT meet on Tuesday the 25th of August, but will resume our regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month following.

Unity Circle – will meet on Tuesday, August 18th, at 1:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue our study of James.

— Electronic Giving Option to Our Saviour Lutheran Church —

Please consider an offering to help us continue doing great ministry together.

For electronic giving, scan the QR Code to get started!



Volunteer Schedule for August								
Date	Acolyte	Usher	Lector	Sound Room	Communion Assistant	Greeter	Altar Guild	Teller
2-Aug	Asher Bridges	Dallas Gumm & Teresa Sweet	Janeen Pennell	Laura & Jason Patrick	Patty Neas	Mark & Ricki Doty	Ronda Keffer	Travis & Tandy Hobbs
9-Aug	Tom Marshall	Travis & Janeen Pennell	Alliese Martelli	Bryon Bolger & Travis Hobbs	Brenda Whitson	Mark & Ricki Doty	Ronda Keffer	Karen Wilson & Don McGaughey
16-Aug	Victoria Gregory	Cheryl Milliken & Teresa Sweet	Jim Brunke	Bryon Bolger & Travis Hobbs	Diana Duncan	Mark & Ricki Doty	Ronda Keffer	Janeen Pennell & Christy Huff
23-Aug	Ronda Keffer	Mark & Ricki Doty	Martha Hawk	Bryon Bolger & Travis Hobbs	Melissa Liebe	Karin McCoy	Ronda Keffer	Julia Forsman & Alliese Martelli
30-Aug	Torin Martelli	Carmen Paulson & David Hamilos	Julia Forsman	Bryon & Alex Bolger	Tedd Stephens	Karin McCoy	Ronda Keffer	Travis & Tandy Hobbs

Adult Sunday School

All are welcome!

The Adult Sunday School Class will continue to meet *throughout the summer*, so come check us out.

Grab a coffee and snack from the kitchen area and join us in the Library at 9AM for what usually turns into a lively and far-ranging discussion.

Good fellowship. Great conversations. Growing together in faith. *We'd love to see you!*

Vacation Bible School

Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God

Vacation Bible School was held July 20th – July 24th from 5:00PM to 8:00PM. This year's theme was *Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God*. Each evening both youth and adults discovered God's loving, gracious, and forgiving nature.

The evening started with a meal in the Fellowship Hall. Students then moved into the Sanctuary for a time of Opening where there was a skit featuring Dr. Flutterby (Julia Forsman). They sang and prayed.

Students rotated through three different 25-minute time slots to different stations: Sticky Scripture & Bible Adventures, Wild Games, and Imagination Station. Each evening ended with everyone returning to the Sanctuary for a large group closing with song and prayer.

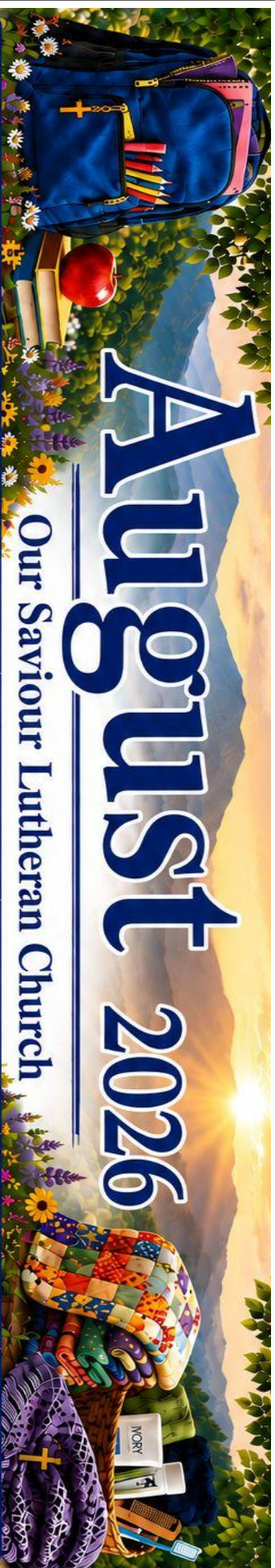
Thank you to all who helped make this year's Vacation Bible School a success!



Vacation Bible School

Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God
(We-e-e-e had so much fun!!!)





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Our Saviour Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Janet Ecklund's Memorial Service and Ice Cream Social
2 10th Sunday after Pentecost/ RALLY SUNDAY Blessing of the backpacks Scavenger Hunt, lunch	3 PDO	4 6:15PM Worship and Music Meeting	5 PDO 4:30PM Choir Practice	6 Primetimer's Summer Picnic 11:30AM	7 Pastor's Day Off	8
9 11th Sunday after Pentecost	10 PDO	11 Melting Pot Crew 10:00AM – 12:00PM 5:45PM Property Meeting 6:30PM Church Council	12 Melting Pot Crew PDO 4:30PM Choir Practice	13	14 Pastor's Day Off	15 10:00AM Come help place quilts on backs of pews in church
16 12th Sunday after Pentecost/ WELCA SUNDAY Blessing of the quilts, prayer shawls, and Personal Care Kits	17 PDO 10:00AM Pack up quilts to ship to Lutheran World Relief 11:45AM LGG	18 1:00PM Unity Circle 6:00PM Mutual Ministry Meeting	19 PDO 4:30PM Choir Practice	20	21 Pastor's Day Off	22
23 13th Sunday after Pentecost	24 PDO	25	26 PDO 4:30PM Choir Practice	27	28 Pastor's Day Off	29
30 14th Sunday after Pentecost	31 PDO					

Parents Day Out (PDO) is EVERY Monday and Wednesday from 9:00AM – 2:00PM.

Melting Pot CREW



Many hands,
one mission:
feeding our neighbors.

Melting Pot Crew will meet on
August 11th and 12th,
for about 2 hours in the mornings,
to prepare 180-200 meals
and help with delivery. ♡

♡ If you would like to volunteer
to help feed the homeless and
food challenged people of our community,
we need you! ♡



Contact Sharon Harshman
(423)282-0400

or



Email her at
sharonharshman1@gmail.com

Thank you
for being
the heart
of this
ministry!



Choir/Band Practice is Back!

Our July rehearsal break has come to an end,
and it is time to get back to work!

Our first practice is Wednesday, August 5th, at 4:30PM.



We look forward to our time of rehearsal and
fellowship with returning members and new friends.



The addition of a Hand Chime group appeared in
the July newsletter. We need to have the interested
parties assembled in time to prepare for the
August 30th worship service.
Initially, the rehearsals for hand chimes will occur
on Wednesday evenings either before or immediately
following the regular choir/band rehearsal. The time
will depend on the final group of aspiring ringers.

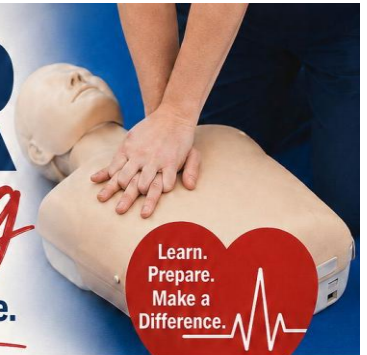


Something else for August is the inclusion of more
opportunities for instrumentalists. Please let us
know if you wish to share your musical talents with
the congregation.

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CPR Training

You Can Save a Life.



Learn.
Prepare.
Make a
Difference.

Why CPR Matters:

In an emergency, every second counts.
CPR can double or even triple a person's
chance of survival after cardiac arrest.
With simple training, you can be
ready to respond—and help save
the life of someone you love.



CALL
Call 911
right away.



PUSH
Push hard and
fast in the
center of
the chest.



SHOCK
Use an AED
if available.



SAVE
Your actions
can save
a life.

Kristi Ellenbecker would like to teach a CPR class
at Our Saviour Lutheran Church for those who
would like to learn CPR.

Class will likely be in September, with a date
to be determined based on the number of
participants, to see if additional instructors
are needed.

Please sign up on the sheet in
the main hallway, to give
Kristi a headcount, if you
are interested.

Thank you!

Be the Reason
Someone
Lives.



WELCA
*will be
very busy
in August!* ♥



WELCA SUNDAY – AUGUST 16TH

During the Worship Service, the following will be blessed:

- ♥ The Quilts made by The Cover Girls quilt guild
- ♥ The Prayer Shawls
- ♥ The Personal Care Kits

All of the Quilts will be displayed on the backs of the church pews on WELCA Sunday.



QUILTS MAKE WONDERFUL GIFTS!

If you are interested in giving WELCA a donation of \$50 for a quilt that you can give as a birthday or Christmas present, see Cheryl Milliken or Patty Neas, to make arrangements.



The money goes toward the purchase of supplies, batting, etc. for making the quilts.



PACKING DAY MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH AT 10:00AM

We will pack the quilts to go to Lutheran World Relief in the Fellowship Hall.

We will need a few people to come help with that.



PERSONAL CARE KITS

All of the Personal Care Kits will be included in the blessings and will be shipped with the quilts to help those in need around the world.



OFF TO LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

All boxes full of Personal Care Kits and Quilts will be brought by **Tom Marshall** on his trailer to Grace Lutheran Church in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

We thank Tom for volunteering to drive!

Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of WELCA! ♥

Primetimers GROUP PICNIC

THURSDAY
AUGUST 6TH

≡ **11:30AM** ≡

IN THE CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL



BBQ PORK
*provided by
Patty Sorenson*



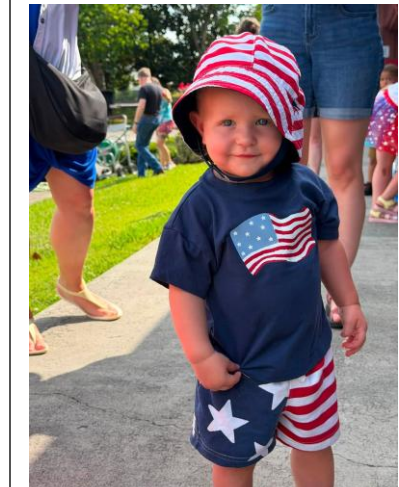
*Bring a dish
(OR TWO)
to share!* ♥



*Good Food
Great Friends
Blessed Time!* ♥



The BIG 4th of July Party!

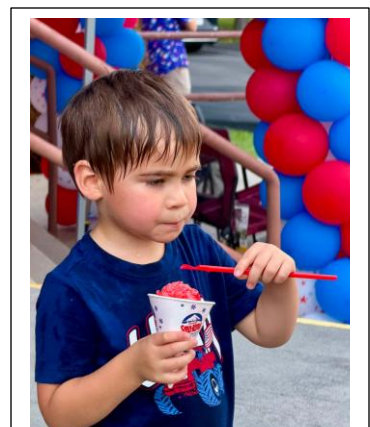


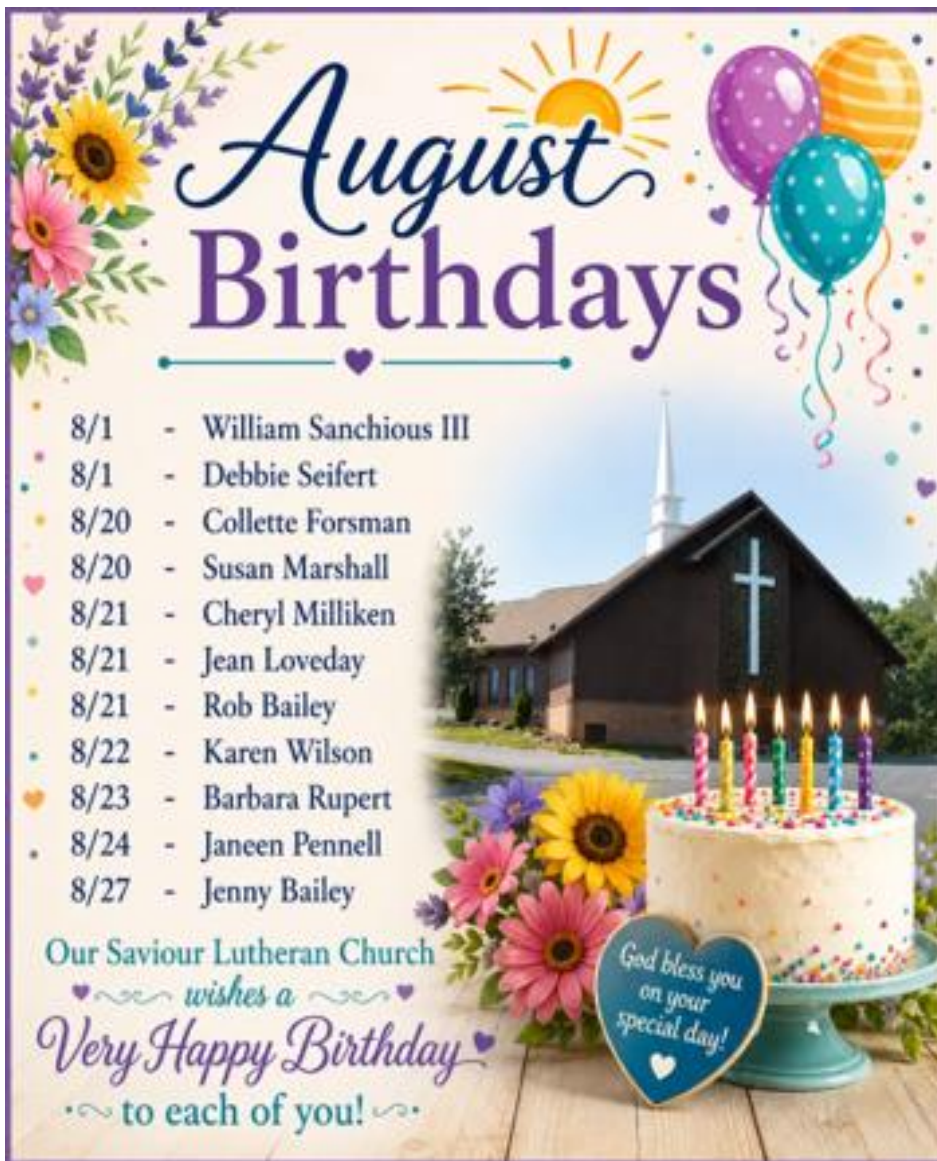
We are tremendously grateful for all who helped make the July 4th party a great success!

From sno-cones, to face painting, water sprinklers, mocktails, hotdogs and hamburgers - people came out and hung around for hours!

We even had a DJ booth and a light show.

While it was a hot July day, lots of great memories were made.





August Birthdays

- 8/1 - William Sanchious III
- 8/1 - Debbie Seifert
- 8/20 - Collette Forsman
- 8/20 - Susan Marshall
- 8/21 - Cheryl Milliken
- 8/21 - Jean Loveday
- 8/21 - Rob Bailey
- 8/22 - Karen Wilson
- 8/23 - Barbara Rupert
- 8/24 - Janeen Pennell
- 8/27 - Jenny Bailey

Our Saviour Lutheran Church
wishes a
Very Happy Birthday
to each of you!

VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY DEVOTIONAL BREAKFAST

FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FAITH

1ST SATURDAY
of Every Month

8:30 AM

GOLDEN CORRAL
3104 Browns Mill Road
Johnson City, TN 37604

Bring a friend or two
FOR GOOD FELLOWSHIP!

Deadline Reminder!

Announcements for the
Weekly Bulletin must be
submitted to the office
no later than
TUESDAY
of each week.

Thank you
for helping keep
our bulletin
up-to-date!

Send to
office@oslchurch.org

Cover Girls QUILT GUILD

Tie a knot... make a difference!

We will meet in the
Fellowship Hall
from **10AM** until **noon**,
on the 2nd Tuesday in August
August 11th

No sewing skills are needed.
We stretch the layers of the quilts
onto a quilting rack, then simply
tack the layers together with
yarn and tie knots.
*If you can tie a knot,
you are qualified!*

Please join us.
We chat and enjoy
fellowship as we
work together.

These quilts are
donated to
Lutheran World Relief
and go to help those
in areas of greatest
need in the world.

Quilts of love... knots of kindness... hope for the world.

CHRISTIAN-AGRAM

How many words can you make using the letters from the word below? There are over 100 combinations. How many can you find?

Triumphant

[illegible]

"Wow, God!"



VBS was an absolute blast! The kids had a great time. It was a blessing watching them all have so much fun learning about God!

A special thank you to Pastor and his family traveling to Nashville to pick up the decorations, which we have given to another Church so they can use for their VBS.

All this couldn't have been possible without all our volunteers! Our Kitchen Crew did an awesome job with preparing meals that went with our Rainforest Falls Theme. Our Station Leaders, Assistant Leaders, and Crew Leaders were wonderful interacting with the kids, teaching them the Bible Lessons, and discussing God Sightings.

The Opening and Closing was awesome with the Skits and the Visual learning experiences so kids could see God's message.

Thanks so much to the Photographer and Tech person who made the slide show for the kids to see, the kids enjoyed seeing themselves on the screen.

We had an Outreach Project called Operation Kid to Kid where we collected \$180 to purchase fruit trees for Central American Families. Each tree was \$9, so that's 20 Families who will be able to provide fruit for their families! Wow, God!

All the Volunteers, I'd like to say thank you for your time, talents, your friendly smile and all you did to contribute to make this VBS an amazing experience to the kids! I appreciate you all and absolutely can't wait until next year!

God Bless,
Teresa Sweet

