



A note from Pastor Jim

Dear Our Saviour family,

We will be celebrating Rally Day with Lunch and a Scavenger Hunt to kick off our Sunday School Program on August 3rd following our 10am service. During the 10am service there will be a blessing of the children's backpacks.

This year our children will be learning about the Bible using a curriculum called "God's Love Story for Children." The lessons for each Sunday will coincide with what the Adults will be studying, so that parents, grandparents and other adults can have conversations with the children about what they learned.

The Adult Sunday school will begin a new study called "The Story: Getting to the Heart of God's Story" on Sunday, August 10th. Please let me know if you will be participating in this group study of the bible by putting your name on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board so that I can order enough participant guides.

Our confirmation class will continue learning about our biblical ancestors in the New Testament and then we will begin our study of Luther's Small Catechism.

Jesus said, "If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free" (John 8:31-32).

Continuing in God's Word has always been a mark of Christian discipleship. One of the ways that spiritual renewal comes about in individuals and in the church is through our giving attention to the Word of God in the bible. I hope that you will take advantage of the opportunities at Our Saviour to grow in your faith through the study of God's Word.

In Christ's service,
Pastor Jim

Worship Schedule

9:00 am-Sunday School, Coffee hour

10:00 am-Worship

Staff

Jim DuMond, Pastor

Martha Hawk, Music Dir.

Abai Curtiss, Office Admin.

Carolynn Bailey, Organ/
Keyboard

Council and Officers

Allan Forsman, President

Frankie Lane-Odiorne,
Vice President

Alex Bolger, Secretary

Paul Gregory, Treasurer/
Finance

Karen Wilson, Fin. Sec.

Tom Marshall-Support

Property

Stewardship

Zach Olsen-Worship

Worship/Music

Media/Technology

Diane Bolger-Service

Outreach

Ricki Doty-Learning

Christian Education, Youth

Tandy Hobbs-Witness, Inreach

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Newsletter

August 2025

NewSense

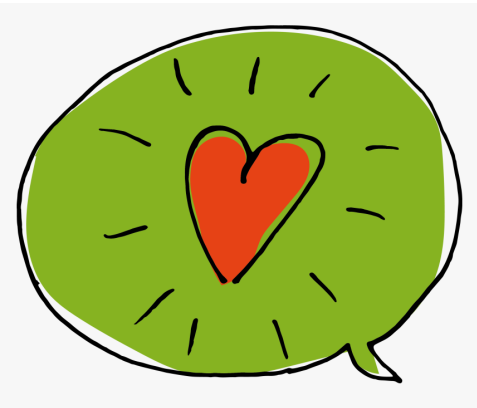
Our purpose is to make disciples and grow in grace.

An Update From Outreach

As usual, on July the 4th many people parked at and near the church to view the city's fireworks display. And, as usual, we were there to welcome them and to provide snacks and access to restrooms. Thank you to those who participated and helped with this event.

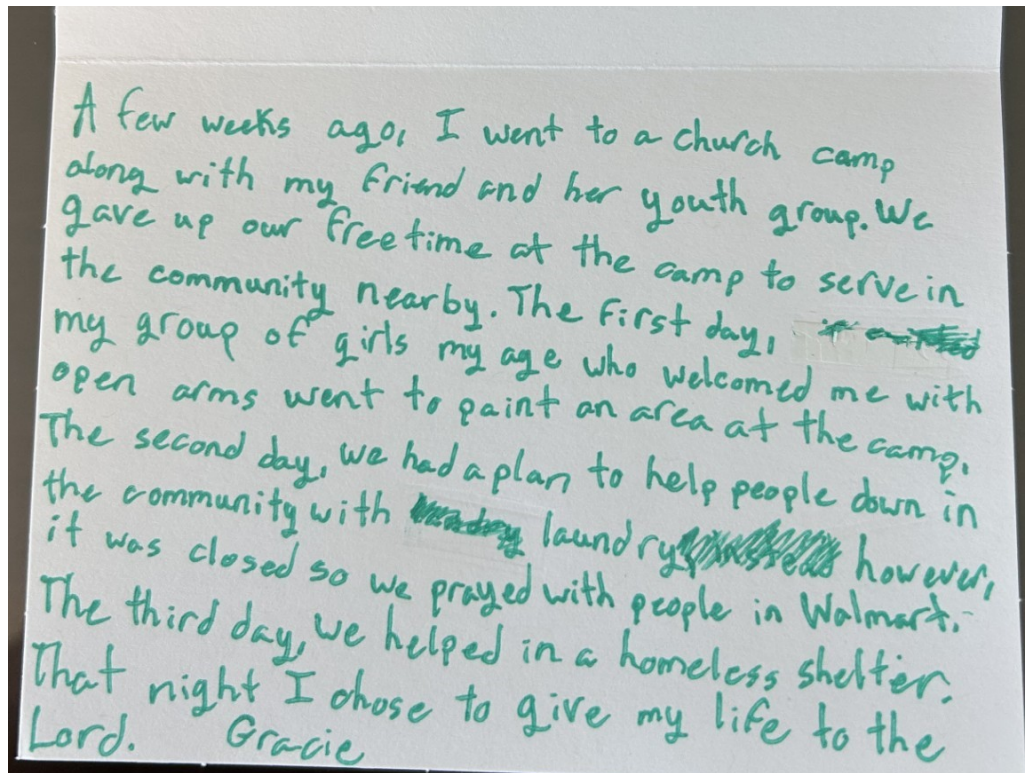
We housed a disabled couple in a local motel for four nights while helping them to gather the necessary documents so they could apply for services they desperately need.

Are you curious about outreach or have any thoughts about how we can do more to serve the community? Join us at our monthly meeting on the last Sunday of each month after the service or talk to Diane Bolger.



Thank You

A note from Gracie about her summer camp experience:



Another note of thanks:

Welca Personal Care Kits—thank you to all those who donated funds, soap, and heled pack the Personal Care Kits for WELCA. It was greatly appreciated. We were able to make 202 kits and will be shipping 9 boxes.

Rally Day Events—On August 3rd we will have our annual Rally Day.

Be sure to sign up on the bulletin boards. Activities for children and adults.

Blessing of the Backpacks—On August 3rd during the church service, we will have our Blessing of the Backpacks.

Children and adults may bring their backpacks and briefcases for this event.

Hannah Olsen has designed the backpack tags for this year, so be sure to take one.

Scavenger Hunt—On August 3rd after the church service.

Details for Scavenger Hunt on Rally Day - There will be two groups:

Adults (Age 14+) another for Adult/ Youth team (Youth 13-). All youth under the age of 14 will participate in a team with an adult. Now Youth, go out and choose an adult! Sign up sheet is located on the InReach bulletin board outside the kitchen.





The Melting Pot

Our Melting Pot crew will meet on August 12th and 13th (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.

Coffee Host

Hosts are needed for the coffee fellowship Sunday mornings at 9:00. Responsibilities are: brew coffee, set out sugars, creamers, bring something to share, clean up after service. If you have any questions, see Tandy Hobbs. Signup sheet is located outside the kitchen on the InReach board.



Children's Sunday School

During Sunday School beginning on August 10th, we will be studying The Story, a study of the Bible as one continuous story of God and His people. Sunday School will start in the Grace Space at 9 AM for songs and then move to the downstairs room. Please sign up to teach our children. Lesson plans and materials will be provided for the instruction.



Caring Cabinet

The items placed inside the Caring Cabinet continue to disappear almost as soon as they are placed inside. Please help us keep the cabinet stocked by providing small/travel size items listed below:

- Razors • Feminine hygiene products • Small bottles of Shampoo • Combs • Band-aids • Small pads of paper/pencils • Zip-lock bags Toothbrushes/tooth paste • Bars of soap/body wash • Lotion
- Personal hygiene wipes • Deodorant • Sample Sizes of Laundry Detergent.

Items should be placed in the box labeled 'caring cabinet' located in the hallway near Pastor's office.

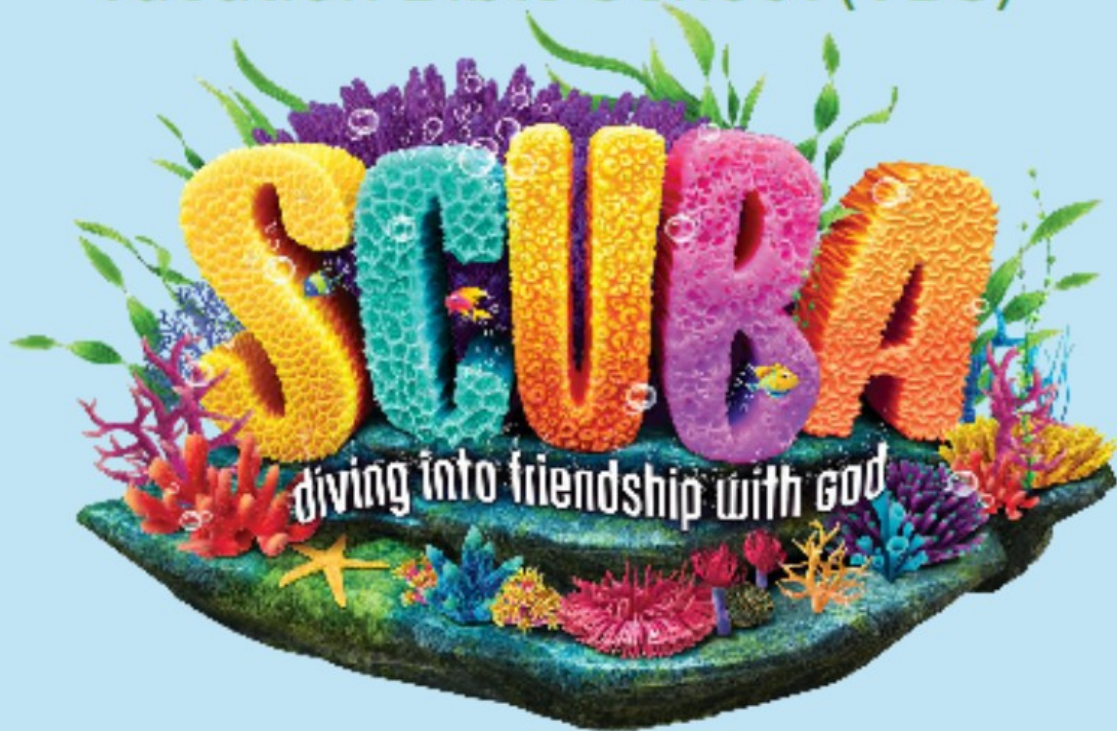
Vacation Bible School

Fill out a registration paper in the narthex or

Register online:

https://www.myvbs.org/vbs_oslc/

Our Savior Lutheran Church invites you to:
Vacation Bible School (VBS)



Join us for Food, Fun, Crafts and Bible stories

Friday, **August 1st** – 5:00pm to 7:30pm and Saturday, **August 2nd** – 9:00am to 12:00pm

Rally Day

You are invited on Sunday, **August 3rd** to our church service at 10:00am for the Blessing of the Backpacks. After church (approximately 11:30) we will be celebrating back to school.

Food Scavenger Hunt Bounce House Games

COME JOIN US!



August **Primetimers** is our “summer picnic” lunch on August 6th. We have it in the fellowship hall at 11:30 to visit with each other, eat at noon and everyone brings a dish to pass. Pulled pork BBQ, iced tea/water and table settings will be provided. Patty Sorenson is our host. Sharon Harshman will send out an RSVP

about a week before. Contact Sharon at sharonharshman1@gmail.com or 423-282-0400 (land line) with any questions or if you would like to join in the fun!

Veterans’ and Active Military



Every month there is a devotional breakfast at Golden Corral at 8:30 am. Bring a friend or two for good fellowship and food on August 2nd. Price is currently \$10.89 a person with a senior discount offered.

Lutheran Guys and Gals Lunch

Lutheran Guys and Gals Lunch—July's LGG (Lutheran Guys and Gals) lunch will be on Monday, the 18th at 11:45 am. We'll meet at Smokey Bones Sharon will send out an RSVP email a week before. Hope to see you! For more information contact Sharon at 423-282-0400 or sharonharshman1@gmail.com.

Cover Girls

Meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays (Aug 12 & 26). On Sunday, August 17 we will have a blessing of the quilts & kits during the Sunday service.

Helpers need to come Saturday, August 16 at 10:00 to put the quilts on the pews.

On August 19 we will meet at 10:00 to pack the quilts. They will be transported to Greenville on August 22 between 4:00-7:30 or August 23 between 8:30-11:00. Contact Lu Mattson at 423.767.8180 if you are interested in helping or just drop by.



Looking for a warm, cozy Gift. For a donation of only \$50 you can get a quilt to give to a loved one. See Lu Mattson if you would like a quilt.



We have been searching for volunteers. Please stop hiding from us.

- ♦ Ushers for our Sunday morning services.
See Alex Bolger.
- ♦ Finance team needs people to help in the budget process.
See Paul Gregory.
- ♦ Teachers for the children and adults. Signup on bulletin board. Please call Cheryl Milliken 802-316-2632 for more information.
- ♦ Coffee host, set out sugars, creamers, and bring a snack each Sunday at 9am. Signup sheet is on bulletin boards.
- ♦ Drivers to help carpool members to and from church. Call or email the office.
- ♦ Serving hearts to assist with Shepherding and Fellowship in our congregation.
Interested contact Tandy Hobbs (tjsilmanh@gmail.com)

WELCA

August 17 is WELCA Sunday at Our Saviour! Come celebrate worship as the Women of the church help lead the entire service. See the colorful and warm Quilts spread out on the pews, the 200 Personal Care Kits, and the many Prayer Shawls, all created by the loving hands of the Women of Our Saviour. All will be blessed during this service then distributed to those in need here and across the world. Don't miss this special celebration.

Food Pantry

Our current needs are: Fabric tote bags with wide bottoms; jelly (in plastic containers), canned tuna/salmon and canned fruit. The best size for canned goods is the 15 oz size. For safety, please try to avoid glass containers. Thanks to everyone for remembering those in need.



PDO Needs

PDO is starting the new school year on August 4th. We will be having an Open House on August 2nd at 10am. We are always in need of extra supplies. Some needed items are:

- Baby wipes
- Sanitizing spray
- Washable paints
- Paper plates
- Q-tips
- School glue
- Construction paper
- White cardstock paper

We are excited to start our 11th year and appreciate prayers for students and teachers.

Any donations can be placed in the marked basket in the hallway.

Thanks,

Cat

InReach

InReach ministry serves YOU! This service falls under two headings Shepherding and Fellowship. If you want to know more about what we do, please come to a planning session and see if it might be a good fit. We meet in the library every third Sunday after the service. Dropping in does not mean a commitment. We need help and getting it on a now and then basis is fine! Additionally, it is a great way to get to know others in the congregation, make lasting friendships, and further your attachment to Christ and his people!

Fellowship events are free (but donations are appreciated) unless otherwise announced. The only cover charge requested, not required, is a slip of paper with a bible verse accompanied with chapter and verse that is instructional, or rather, directs us toward righteous living. An example is James 3:8 "but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison". This verse reminds us to watch what we say and realize the harm we can cause; at the same time reminding us where to go for help in controlling our tongue. The hope is to compile all the verses into one booklet.

During July, we partnered with OutReach, and helped with the 4th of July celebration. InReach, provided individual bags of chips and cookies. Cookie bags had an invitation taped to each inviting those without a home church to join OSLC on Sundays at 10 am. We are also planning to host a light meal and bible based scavenger hunt on rally day with prizes. The hunt will be for adults and adult/youth teams. Mark your calendars for the big 4 (Faith/Fun/Food/Fellowship) on August 3rd!



News From the Kitchen

With the 9:00 am social hour on Sundays, many more people are using the kitchen. So, it is time for some reminders.

Because we have the Melting Pot program, Health Department personnel come periodically to inspect our kitchen. They can shut down the program if we are found to be out of compliance. The rules for the kitchen are as follows:

- Large quantities of unlabeled food in the refrigerator or freezer are for the Melting Pot program. Foods put in the refrigerator or freezer by other groups or individuals **must be labeled** with names of responsible parties and the date. They will be disposed of at the 'use by' date.
- **Unlabeled food not for Melting Pot will be thrown away.**
- In the storage area behind the kitchen, three shelves are assigned to the Melting Pot program. Please do not take items from those shelves or store other items there.
- Try to put things where they belong on the labeled shelves so everyone can find what they are looking for.

Thank you from your kitchen volunteers for helping us to keep our kitchen clean, organized and in compliance.



Rehearsals for choir and band resume on Wednesday, July 30th at 4:30. Please consider this your invitation to join. If summer slipped past before you got around to offering your musical talent it is not too late. We are always excited to have more of the congregation actively participating in music. Please feel welcome to reach out to Martha at c.hawkvocalstudio@gmail.com or phone/text to 423-646-1233 Thank you.

Blessings,

Martha

Text: 423-646-1233 or Email: c.hawkvocalstudio@gmail.com

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Birthdays in August



1-Debbie Seifert

1-William Sanchious III

8-Marilyn Proffitt

14-Lea Easton

15-Dale Cannon

17-Patty Keffer

20-Susan Marshall

20-Collette Forsman

21-Cheryl Milliken

21-Jean Loveday

21-Rob Bailey

22-Karen Wilson

23-Barbara Rupert

24-Janeen Bradley-Pennell

25-Clancy Glassmyer

27-Jenny Bailey

Thank
You
Volunteers

Volunteer Schedule for August

Date	Lector	Usher	Acolyte	Tellers	Comm. Asst.	A/V	Prayer Shawls	Altar Guild
Aug. 3 @ 10am	J. Brunke	J. Pennell & D. Gumm	S. Pennell	J. Pennell , Wilson	B. Whitson	T. Hobbs & P. Neas	Shilling Neas	J. Pennell
Aug. 10 @ 10am	J. Bradley	J. Patrick & C. Paulson	T. Martelli	T & T Hobbs	D. Bolger	T. Hobbs & F. Liebe	Martin, Mattson, Raye	J. Pennell
Aug. 17 @ 10am	D. Bolger	C. Milliken & J. Pennell	S. Pennell	J. Pennell, Huff	P. Neas	L. Patrick & A. Bolger	Milliken, Zinser, Chalkley	J. Pennell
Aug. 24 @ 10am	C. Bailey	J. Liebe & F. Liebe	T. Martelli		D. Duncan	T. Hobbs & P. Neas	McCoy, Hamilos, Proffitt	J. Pennell
Aug. 31 @ 10am	A. Forsman	C. Milliken & J. Pennell	S. Pennell	Forsman, Martelli	B. Whitson	T. Hobbs & F. Liebe	McCoy, Hamilos, Proffitt	J. Pennell 11

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?

FORGIVENESS

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Julia Foreman