

NewSense

Our Saviour Lutheran Church June 2026

A Note From **Pastor Chris**

But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

(Romans 5:8)

May was an exciting month for us at Our Saviour Lutheran Church. Nearly every Sunday was a “special” Sunday. From Mother’s Day to a Baptism to Confirmation to New Members – we celebrated God’s Spirit of growth and new life in Johnson City.

As I thought about the above verse from Romans 5, I wondered what it means to prove one’s love. The Bible says that God proves His love for us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. Even more, Christ died for us while we were still sinners. And that’s an important detail!

Because when we think of proving our love, it often comes with strings attached. We prove our love because we want something in return. The Latin phrase *quid pro quo* comes to mind. It means something for something. So, while proving our love in this world gets confused with something for something, God’s love is different.

God proves His love for you in that that while you were still a sinner, Christ died for you. That divine love required nothing of you. It wasn’t something for something. It was everything given for you. It was pure grace!

I’d love for you and your family to come experience God’s amazing grace with us at Our Saviour Lutheran Church.



Worship Schedule

9:00 AM Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall

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 President

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, Inreach

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Worship Services Streamed Online Weekly

www.youtube.com/@OSLCTN

Announcements

Primetimers-will be meeting on Wednesday, June 3rd, in the Library at 11:00. After the meeting we will head to the Aubrey's at 3029 Hamilton Place. If you cannot make the meeting, join us at the restaurant at 11:45 for food and fellowship. Don McGaughey is our host. For more information, contact Sharon Harshman at 423-282-0400 or sharonharshman1@gmail.com July 1st Primetimers will be at Jeremiah Café with Sharon Harshman as our host.

Melting Pot – Our Melting Pot Crew will meet on June 9th and 10th (2 hours in the mornings) to prepare meals and bag for delivery. No cooking skills needed! If you would like to volunteer to help feed the homeless and food challenged people in our community, contact Sharon Harshman.

Melting Pot Food and Clothing Donations -Melting Pot Food and Clothing Donations: Donations of individually wrapped cracker packets (any flavor/multiple crackers per packet) or individually wrapped desserts are needed. Melting Pot is also collecting clothing to donate to the homeless and less fortunate. Please put the clothing donations in the large box in the hallway and the food donations on the kitchen table for us to deliver with our monthly meals.

Musical Note - We are quickly moving into summer travel and vacations. Our choir will have a rehearsal break in July but will continue to lead music in worship. (Feel welcome to rehearse with us on Wednesday at 4:30 in June.) Despite the rehearsal break, July is also when we are planning for services throughout the year. We welcome hearing from members of the congregation regarding favorite hymns and praise songs. Music is scheduled based on the church season and liturgy; known favorites may be worked in as appropriate.

Summer Camp Scholarships Available - Our Saviour Lutheran Church has scholarships available to help pay for summer church camps, like Lutheridge. Each scholarship is \$150. After a camper returns from camp, they can fill out an application about their experience then receive a scholarship. Applications are available on the church bulletin board. See Cheryl Milliken for more information.

Sunday Morning Coffee Social Hour – The Sunday Morning Social Hour will continue over the summer months, as our Youth Sunday School takes a pause until fall. Our Sunday Social Hour gives us more time for fellowship with new and old friends at Our Saviour Lutheran Church. You can assist with this ministry by signing up to set up coffee and provide snacks. If you are willing to help, contact Tandy Hobbs. She will be glad to give you a tour of the kitchen and some quick training. Sign-up sheet is in the hall by the kitchen. It takes less than 30 minutes to set it up. Thank you!

Lutheran Guys and Gals Lunch - June's LGG (Lutheran Guys and Gals) lunch will be at Cracker Barrel, 2692 Boones Creek Road. We will meet on Thursday, June 18th, at 11:45 at the restaurant. For more information contact Sharon at 423-282-0400 or sharonharshman1@gmail.com.

Veterans & Active Military Devotional Breakfast for veterans and active military is held the 1st Saturday of every month at 8:30 AM at Golden Corral. Bring a friend or two for good fellowship! Current price is \$10.89 w/ senior discount.

— Electronic Giving Option —

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 June

Date	Acolyte	Usher	Lector	Sound Room	Communion Assistant	Greeter	Altar Guild	Teller
7-Jun	Tom Marshall	Mark & Ricki Doty	Julia Forsman	Laura & Jason Patrick	Ted Stephens	Teresa Sweet	David Chalkley	Travis & Tandy Hobbs
14-Jun	Torin Martelli	Travis & Janeen Pennell	Allan Forsman	Bryon Bolger & Travis Hobbs	Laura Patrick	Teresa Sweet	David Chalkley	Karen Wilson & Don McGaughey
21-Jun	Ronda Keffer	Ronda Keffer & Cheryl Milliken	Janeen Pennell	Alex & Bryon Bolger	Diana Duncan	Teresa Sweet	David Chalkley	Janeen Pennell & Christy Huff
28-Jun	Victoria Gregory	Carmen Paulson & David Hamilos	Alliese Martelli	Bryon Bolger & Travis Hobbs	Patty Neas	Teresa Sweet	David Chalkley	Julia Forsman & Alliese Martelli



June Calendar of Events

	1	2	3 Primetimers 11 in Library then Aubreys 11:45 Choir 4:30	4	5	6 8:30am Veterans Breakfast at Golden Corral
7 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 Worship Outreach Meeting	8	9 Melting Pot Cover Girls 10-12 Property 5:45 Council 6:30	10 Melting Pot Choir 4:30 Blue Ridge Quilters 8:30-	11	12	13
14 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 Worship	15	16 Unity 1:30 Pastor leaves on vacation until 7/3	17 Choir 4:30	18 LGG Lunch 11:45 Cracker Barrel Boones Creek	19	20
21 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 Worship	22	23 Cover Girls 10-12	24 Choir 4:30	25	26	27
28 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 Worship Pastor DuMond	29	30				

Congratulations to Emma and Aiden Barger!

Emma and Aiden's parents are Shane and Sharon Barger.

Aiden graduated from East Tennessee State University with degrees in Political Science and Graphic Arts.

Emma is graduated from University School, and plans to attend Tennessee College of Applied Technology, to train for construction: carpentry, plumbing, and electrical.

Our Saviour Lutheran Church congratulates both on their accomplishments and sends prayers and best wishes as they begin this next chapter of their lives.



Two Caring Ministries at OSLC

Do you know the difference between the Food Pantry and the Caring Cabinet?



THE FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry gives out large canvas bags filled with a variety of foods that can be used at home for meal preparation. Anyone can receive a bag of food by requesting it through the church office. (Either come by or call to arrange for pick-up.) This ministry is designed to help families with food insecurities or unexpected financial difficulties.

Items currently needed for the food pantry are:

- Canned chicken
- Canned tuna and tuna helper
- Jelly (in plastic containers)
- Dry cereal or instant oatmeal
- Canned corn or canned peas
- Saltine crackers
- Shelf-life milk



The Dollar Tree usually has shelf-life milk and jelly in plastic containers.



THE CARING CABINET

The caring Cabinet is the small house like cabinet located outside near the upper front parking lot facing sunset drive. The purpose of the caring cabinet is to reach our homeless population by providing personal hygiene items and food that might not be available to them. Items are placed inside the cabinet for easy access and to allow the homeless to obtain them without the embarrassment of asking. We ask for small (travel size) items and food items with zip-lock lids.



Items currently needed by the caring cabinet are:

- Gallon and quart size zip-lock bags
- Pink and blue copy paper
- Deodorant (small size)
- Shampoo (small size)
- Pocket size packs of tissue
- Toilet tissue
- Sanitizing wipes (small packs)



When shopping please remember-- **no glass or very large bulk items.** Keep in mind that the food pantry provides food for families. Their needs are different from those people living on the streets.



The date to pack bags for the Caring Cabinet has been **postponed**, due to the Fellowship Hall floors being waxed on the 3rd. **Be watching the announcements for the new date.**



All adults and youth are welcome to attend.



Youth volunteers can count this time toward community service hours.



Share with the Lord's people who are in need.

ROMANS 2:13

Several committees in the church have banded together to throw a

BIG PARTY

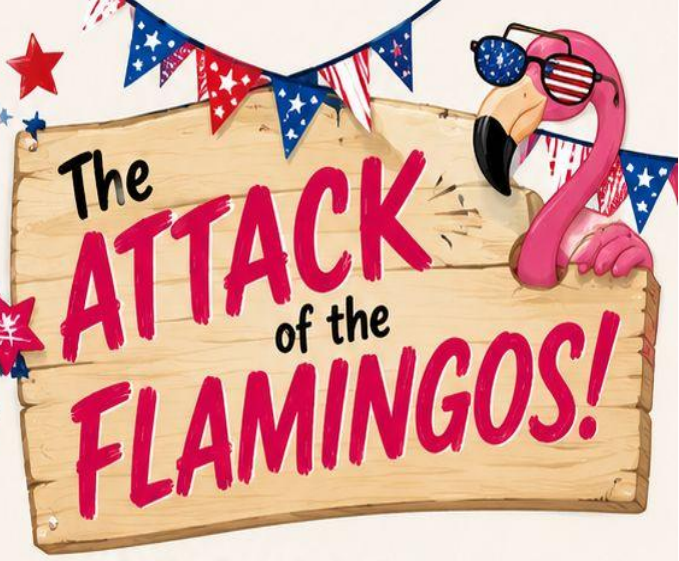
for the community to celebrate the

250th

BIRTHDAY

of our COUNTRY!

while raising our visibility in the community. In order to make that happen, we will need some funding and we have a fun way to do that...



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



If you know someone you would like to prank, make a contribution to the flamingo squad and the intended victim will find a dozen flamingos in their front yard with a large sign that says "I've been flamingo'd".



You can do the deed anonymously or proudly take credit for your deed. If, on the other hand, you do not want flamingos in your yard, you can buy anti-flamingo insurance and be protected from such silliness.



The victim will find a card on their front door informing them how long the flamingos will be visiting them and the name of their benefactor, or not. They will also be informed that they are welcome to reciprocate.



The flamingos will be removed promptly and moved on to the next victim.

COSTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:



Flamingos for	
one day	\$10
two days	\$25
three days	\$40
Flamingo Insurance	\$10

The flamingos will be available from **JUNE 1st – JULY 4th!**

This will be an **INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT** with adults and youth working together and we hope that it will be fun for everyone!



ENVELOPES WITH DIRECTIONS PRINTED ON THE FRONT WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX BEGINNING ON **SUNDAY, MAY 31.**



CONTACT ALEX BOLGER with any questions.



June BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating You!

Wishing you a blessed and joyful year!

June 8

**Bryon Bolger
Michael Leonard**

June 10

Torin Martelli

June 11

Cat Hopper

June 12

Rose Klix

June 14

Tom Simonson

June 18

Jason Patrick

June 22

Janet Ecklund

June 26

Karin McCoy

June 28

Julia Forsman

June 29

Steve Mears

*May God's
love light your
way this year
and always.*

If we missed anyone's birthday, please let Laurel know in the office! Also, we are working on updating information on Breeze. If you have any changes to make to your address, phone number, email, or anything else, call the church office at 423-282-2313 or email the information to office@oslc.church

Augustus Wilhelm Pennell was baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, May 17, 2026.

Affectionately known as Auggie, this young man was ready to be baptized. Auggie kept reaching for the water in the font! Auggie is the son of Travis & Janeen Pennell and is the little brother to his sister, Sophia. Serving as sponsors were Nicole Odom & Jay W. Pennell.

Children from the congregation came forward to fill the baptismal font with cups of water signifying that out of the many, we are made one in Jesus.

Thanks be to God for the gift of Holy Baptism!



Pentecost 2026

We celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit by wearing red, with singing and procession into the church. Pentecost was also the day these four young people were confirmed: Asher Bridges, Irina Gregory, Mel Liebe, and Damon Sanchious. We honored our Confirmands at the Pentecost Tea, hosted by WELCA. Thank you to all those who helped with the Pentecost Tea reception after worship!

Special thanks to Pastor Jim DuMond. These young people started their confirmation journey with him and then finished with Pastor Chris. Congratulations to Asher, Irina, Mel, and Damon.





Women of the ELCA (WELCA): All Women of OSLC are invited to participate!

Personal Care Kits will be assembled on Monday, July 13th, at 10:00AM, in the Fellowship Hall. Many hands make light work! *If you can show up to help assemble the kits, there will be a sign-up sheet on the WELCA board in the main hall.* Contact Lu Mattson or Chris Epperson with any questions.

Unity Circle will meet June 16th, at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying James 4: 1-10. Session Seven.

Cover Girls meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, from 10AM to noon, in the Fellowship Hall. This will be June 9th and June 23rd. The Cover Girls would love to have YOU join us, any time you're available. If you can tie a knot, you're qualified!

HELP *Needed!* WANTED

Prayer Shawl Ministry

KNITTERS OR CROCHETERS
no experience needed.
We will train you!

A caring ministry of
WELCA
Women of the ELCA

Made with love. Given in prayer. Wrapped in God's grace.

BINGO!

Join us for an afternoon of
FUN, FRIENDS & PRIZES!

SATURDAY, MAY 30 1:30 PM

Proceeds raised from the sale of BINGO cards will go towards
new playground equipment at OSLC.

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Please join us for a Church

4TH of JULY PARTY

Our Saviour Lutheran Church
212 Sunset Drive
Johnson City

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

BURGERS, HOTDOGS, & SIDES ARE PROVIDED
GAMES, BUBBLES, FACE PAINT AND MORE!

DJ - MUSIC BY PASTOR CHRIS
Bring your own chairs
Hope to see you there!

Party starts at 4PM

WELCA
Women of the ELCA
Faith • Service • Fellowship

PERSONAL CARE KITS

A WELCA PROJECT

Rooted in Christ,
Working in Love

WE STILL NEED
150 BARS OF IVORY SOAP

to complete our
Personal Care Kits!

ASSEMBLY DAY
Monday, July 13th
at 10:00 AM
All are welcome to help!

SHIPPED OUT
in August
to our neighbors
around the world.

Many hands. One heart. In Christ's service.

Thank you for your generosity and support!
Together, we make a difference.

Save the Date!



Place: **Our Saviour Lutheran Church**

212 Sunset Drive, Johnson City

Date: **July 20 – 24, 2026**

Time: **5pm – 8pm**

Dinner will be provided at 5pm each day.

Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us at Canopy Closing each day at 7:30pm a daily celebration of our awesome God!

Call your Rainforest Falls Director, Teresa Sweet at (423) 426-7542 to register your child for this life-changing adventure or use the QR Code provided.

