

NewSense



Our Saviour Lutheran Church

September 2026

A Word from Pastor Chris:

And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' (Matthew 20:11-12)

From early childhood, we learn lessons about fairness in life. Everyone gets the same. If one kid on the playground gets a popsicle on a summer day, every kid on the playground should get a popsicle on that hot day. Right? It's only fair.

So why do the kids inside sitting in the air conditioner also get a popsicle? That's not fair – is it? They weren't the ones outside running and sweating. We seem to have a big problem with the lesson of fairness. Fair is fair... unless you earned it. Then you deserve it.

Good thing the kingdom of heaven and the church aren't like that!

Because one of the hallmarks of being a Lutheran is that you don't earn your place in the kingdom. Christ died for us while we were still sinners. God's love and mercy and forgiveness are not fair – Thanks be to God!

In the church, each of us are welcomed as equal and full recipients of God's gracious favor. All are invited to engage in service in the Lord's vineyard. Grace is scandalous like that... and for that amazing grace, I am thankful. A popsicle sure sounds good right now!

Peace,
Pastor Chris



Worship Schedule

9:00 AM Coffee Social Hour

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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**Worship Services Streamed Online
Weekly**

www.youtube.com/@OSLCTN

Announcements

September Primetimers Meeting in the church Library at 11:00AM or join us at the restaurant at 11:45. We are going to Applebees, at 2100 N. Roan Street in Johnson City. The Chalkleys are our hosts. Sharon Harshman will send out an RSVP about a week before, to get a head count. If you have questions or would like to join in the fun and camaraderie, contact Sharon at sharonharshman1@gmail.com or 423-282-0400 (land line, no texting).

Melting Pot Crew – meet on September 8th and 9th in the morning, to prepare 180-200 meals and prep for delivery. Delivery done by the Chalkleys. If you would like to volunteer to help feed the homeless and food challenged people of our community, contact Sharon at sharonharshman1@gmail.com or 423-282-0400 (land line, no texting).

There will be a Sunday School meeting, right after the Worship service on September 27th, to go over the planning for the Noah's Ark party.

TELLER NEEDED – One Sunday a month. Must be an OSLC member. Minimal computer skills needed. Please call or text Karen Wilson at (423) 676-3120 if interested, and she will explain what the job entails.

Unity Circle – Will meet on Tuesday, September 22nd, at 1:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of Our Saviour Lutheran Church are automatically a part of WELCA and are welcome to join us! Susan Reaves will provide the snack, and Cheryl Milliken will do the opening prayer. We are finishing our study of James: Pearls for Wise Living.

Unity Circle begins a new year and is searching for a Bible study to start in October. Please look at Following the Footsteps: Walking where Jesus Walked-Rev. Bob Rognlien. If you have another book or other suggestions, it is imperative that you bring the information to this meeting.

We will have a “Noisy Change Offering” on September 27th, which is the last Sunday of September. This collection will benefit the Homeless. The children walk around the church, passing small, galvanized buckets for you to drop your loose change into. So please save your change and bring it to church that day.

Bill McComb spoke a couple of Sundays ago about *Via de Cristo*. He is offering to sponsor and pay for the costs to send someone to this amazing Retreat that brings you closer to Christ with Worship, listening to Lay people give talks, singing and Christian Fellowship from Thursday-Sunday from Nov 5-8 of this year. If you are interested please see Bill for an application.

Lutheran Guys and Gals (LGG) Lunch – September's LGG Lunch will be on Tuesday, September 22nd at 11:45AM. We will meet at Olive Garden restaurant, located at 1903 N. Roan Street, in Johnson City. Sharon will send out an RSVP the week before. We welcome new faces! Contact Sharon Harshman for more information.

CPR Class – Kristi Ellenbecker would like to teach a CPR class at church. 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.

— 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 September

Date	Acolyte	Usher	Lector	Sound Room	Communion Assistant	Greeter	Altar Guild	Teller
6-Sep	Sophia Pennell	Travis & Janeen Pennell	Chris Epperson	Laura & Jason Patrick	Kayla Heinold	Karin McCoy	Janeen Pennell	Travis & Tandy Hobbs
13-Sep	Kayla Heinold	Dallas Gumm & Jason Patrick	Laura Patrick	Bryon Bolger & Travis Hobbs	Patty Neas	Teresa Sweet	Janeen Pennell	Karen Wilson & Don McGaughey
20-Sep	Joseph Heinold	Travis & Janeen Pennell	Tom Marshall	Laura & Jason Patrick	Brenda Whitson	Teresa Sweet	Janeen Pennell	Janeen Pennell & Karen Wilson
27-Sep	Torin Martelli	Mark & Ricki Doty	Bryon Bolger	Bryon Bolger & Travis Hobbs	Diana Duncan	Teresa Sweet	Janeen Pennell	Travis & Tandy Hobbs



YOUTH+ SUNDAY SCHOOL

All youth will meet in the
Grace Space (South Narthex)
at **9:00AM**, where Pastor
will lead a prayer.

YOUNGER CHILDREN
will go to the
Sunday School Room
next to the kitchen.



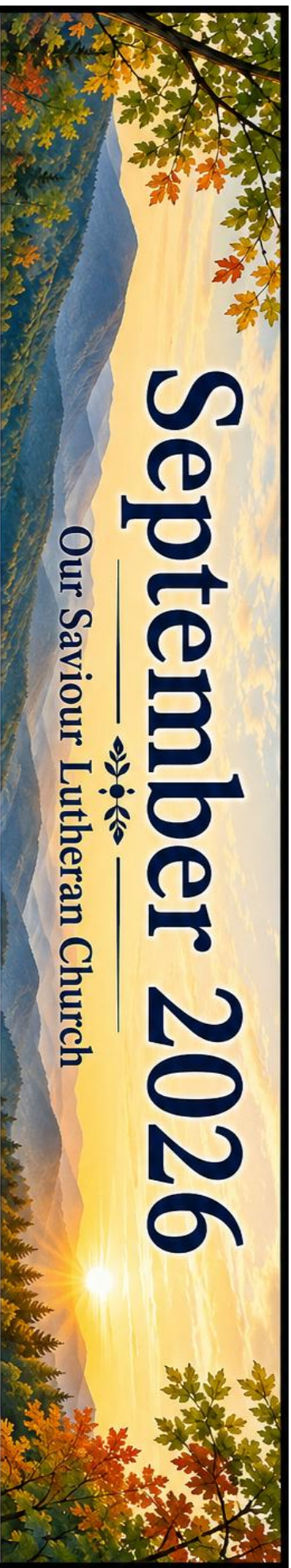
**AT 9:05AM,
WE SPLIT UP!**



OLDER KIDS
will go
downstairs
to the
Youth Room.



Growing in faith. Building friendships. Living like Jesus.



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Our Saviour Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Worship & Music 6:15	2 PDO 9-2 Blue Ridge Quilters 9-12 Prinetimers 11:00 library – 11:45 Applebees Choir 4:30	3	4 Pastor's Day Off	5
6 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	7 PDO 9-2	8 Melting Pot Crew Cover Girls 10-12 Deanery at OSLC 11:00 Property 5:45 Church Council 6:30	9 PDO 9-2 Melting Pot Crew Choir 4:30	10	11 Pastor's Day Off	12
13 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	14 PDO 9-2	15 Mutual Ministry 6:30	16 PDO 9-2 Choir 4:30	17	18 Pastor's Day Off Blue Ridge Quilters 8:30-4:00	19 Blue Ridge Quilters 8:30-4:00
20 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	21 PDO 9-2	22 Cover Girls 10-12 LGG Olive Garden 11:45 Unity Circle 1:00	23 PDO 9-2 Choir 4:30	24	25 Pastor's Day Off	26
27 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Altar Guild after Worship Sunday School meeting after Worship	28 PDO 9-2	29	30 PDO 9-2 Choir 4:30			



Worship with us every Sunday at 10:00AM

✧ All are welcome!



Deadline Reminder:

Announcements for the
Weekly Bulletin must be
submitted to the office
no later than

TUESDAY
of each week.



Send to
office@oslc.church

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

Happy Birthday to YOU!

9/2 Hans Scheerenberger	9/21 Annetta Gregory
9/8 Alexandra Bolger	9/22 Tucker DeWitt
9/10 Jenna Scheerenberger	9/22 Our Saviour Lutheran Church
9/13 Dianne Bolger	9/25 Maverick DeWitt
9/18 Curtis VanHooser	9/28 Frankie Lane-Odiome
9/20 Chris Toft	9/28 Dallas Gumm

*Wishing you a day filled with joy and
a year filled with God's blessings!*

THE FLOWER FUND

Help Beautify
Our Altar
and Celebrate
What Matters
Most.



You can sponsor the flowers on
the altar for a specific Sunday!

Celebrate a special occasion or
honor the memory of a loved one.



The cost is \$50.

Made as a donation by writing
"Flower Fund" on your offering
check or envelope.



Be sure to include your name
and what you want mentioned in
the bulletin for the Sunday
you are sponsoring.



A sign-up sheet is located in
the main hallway.

Thank you for your support!



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.

PRIMETIMERS SUMMER PICNIC – Was held in our Fellowship Hall on Thursday, August 6th. Patty Sorenson provided pulled pork, and everyone brought their favorite dishes to share. When Lutherans have a “pot luck”, the food is always good and abundant!



TELLER WANTED



ONE SUNDAY
a month



Must be a member of
Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Minimal computer
skills needed



Please call or text
Karen Wilson
at (423) 676-3120

if interested, and she will
explain what the job entails.



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Making Disciples and Growing in Grace

VETERANS ★ AND ★ ACTIVE MILITARY *Devotional* ★ BREAKFAST ★

FAITH • FELLOWSHIP • ENCOURAGEMENT



Join us!

Start your month with a great breakfast,
meaningful devotion, and good fellowship
with others who have served.



8:30 AM



GOLDEN CORRAL
3104 Browns Mill Road
Johnson City, TN 37604

All are welcome!



Bring a friend
or two for
Great Fellowship!

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..."
Matthew 25:35

Youth Bake Bread for Communion



"Do this in remembrance of me."

What a great way for the Junior High and High School students to resume Sunday School... by baking bread! 🍞👏

The class made the bread which was still warm when the gift bearers brought it forward during the offering. God uses the gifts we offer for the blessing of the people! 🙏

Special thanks to Melissa Bridges for the pictures



Thank You! ❤️
to our amazing volunteers!



Thank the volunteers who came to help pack bags for the **Caring Cabinet** ❤️ on Wednesday, August 19th.

❤️ Our "fearless leader", **Susan Kirkland** was not able to be there, due to a fall which left her with a broken hip. We rallied behind her and got the job done in her absence.

❤️ Our Caring Cabinet serves the homeless population and the items in it are available 24/7.

❤️ We rotate the bags, so that at different times we offer food bags, hygiene bags, or small items of clothing appropriate to the season.

❤️ **Thank you** for your time, your hearts, and your willingness to serve!

You make a difference! ❤️

OSLC Food Pantry

Sharing Christ's Love, One Meal at a Time



♥ *She was a gift that kept on giving.*

The legacy of Janet Ecklund lives on in all the food boxes that have been donated for the OSLC Food Pantry in her memory.

♥
She may be gone, but she will always be remembered for all of her many acts of kindness.



A new ministry has developed through the Food Pantry at Our Saviour Lutheran Church. Laurel (through the office) is handing out smaller size tote bags filled with enough food items to last a couple of days.

These bags contain "ready to eat" items that are intended for someone who is "passing through" or who finds themselves in a situation where food or food preparation is not available.



We continue to hand out larger food boxes which contain nutritious foods that need some preparation. These boxes are intended to help stable families get through difficult times.

Our OSLC Food Pantry currently needs:

✓ saltine crackers



✓ canned chicken and canned tuna



✓ canned green beans, corn, peas, and carrots



✓ spaghetti sauce (no glass containers)



✓ spaghetti noodles



✓ pancake syrup



Thank You! ♥

Your donations make a difference in so many lives.



Thank you for helping us feed our neighbors with compassion and care. ♥ Together, we can make a difference.

Our Caring Cabinet ♥

A small cabinet with a big heart!



Please remember our homeless population whom we serve through the Caring Cabinet.



AS WINTER APPROACHES, THEY WILL NEED:

WARM HATS • GLOVES • SOCKS



FOOD ITEMS

- Beef Stew, Ravioli, Hearty Soups with zip-top lids
- Prepackaged chicken or tuna "lunch on the go"
- Breakfast bars
- Toaster pop-ups
- Snack crackers and cookies



HYGIENE & ESSENTIALS

- Travel sized toiletries
- Feminine products
- Toilet tissue



♥ **A BIG Thank You** ♥
to all who donate to this important ministry!



Together we can be the hands and feet of Christ, showing love and hope to those in need.

Thank you for your continued support! ♥

Parents Day Out

at OSLC



at

OSLC



We are asking for your help!

Parents Day Out at OSLC is a ministry that provides care, learning and fun for young children.



WE NEED HELP WITH:



Making lunch for our children



Substitute teachers



If you can help with either of these opportunities, please call or text Cat Hopper.



WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF:

- Clorox Wipes
- Disinfecting spray
- Baby Wipes
- White card stock paper
- Washable paints
- Hand sanitizers
- Glue Sticks
- Construction paper



PLEASE REACH OUT TO:

Cat Hopper
423-483-0652



Julia Foramen

"Keep my steps steady
according to your
promise, and never let
iniquity have dominion
over me"

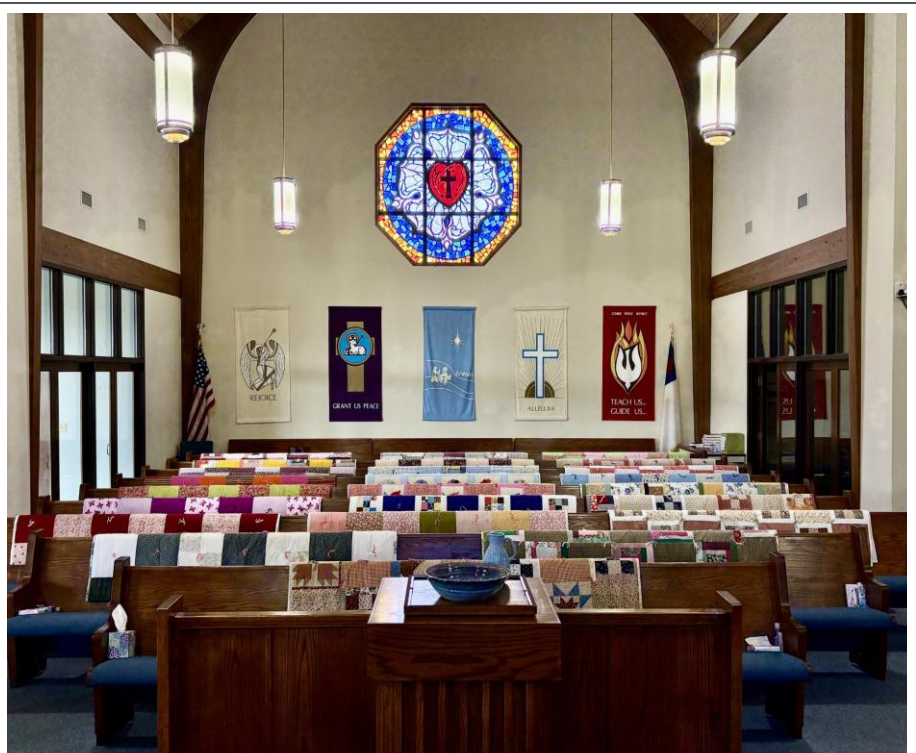
Psalm 119:133

On behalf of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA), We want to say, "Thank You!"

Indeed, thank you to all who made last week's WELCA Sunday so amazing. The pews and altar rail were beautifully adorned with handmade quilts – 68 of them to be exact! Prayer shawls and Personal Care Kits were on display and prayed over. And speaking of prayer, some of the youngest girls in our congregation handed out small Prayer Squares to every person present in worship. These were all visible signs of God's love for the world.

Women from all segments of Our Saviour Lutheran Church participated in WELCA Sunday. From the opening litany for bold women, to the sharing of God's word in the reading of scripture, to the distribution of Christ's body and blood in Holy Communion, to the end of the service where women led a 3-part blessing of the congregation, WELCA Sunday was meaningful.

So thank you, Our Saviour Lutheran Church. Thank you for helping make heard the voices of so many bold women. Thank you for your voices that called us to show God's love and care to our neighbors.



⇒ Watch & Worship with Us! ⇒
Visit Our Saviour Lutheran Church

on
 **YouTube**

LIVESTREAMING EVERY SUNDAY MORNING!



Join us **LIVE**
every Sunday
at **10:00AM!**

Can't be here in person?
We'd love to worship
with you online! 

♡ Find us here:

<https://www.youtube.com/@OSLCTN> 

Celebrating OUR VERY OWN *Lu Mattson's* EXCITING FLYING EXPERIENCE!



Faith, Love, Adventure, and Memories that Fly High! 



 A representative of Dream Flight presented a program at Independence Village of Johnson City (formerly Everlan), offering a flight on a WWII biplane to any veteran or spouse of a veteran living here.

 I listened intently and it sounded as a safe adventure. Since my husband, Joe Mattson, was in the Army Air Corp during WWII, I qualified to go on the flight at the Tri Cities Airport.

 I was one of four spouses and three veterans who one at a time flew for 15 minutes each, looking down at the neighborhoods and lakes near the airport.

 I was smiling most of the time, as it was a great adventure, thinking of Joe as we flew. He would have loved it!



Thank You to Dream Flights for making this unforgettable experience possible! 



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