

## Our Savior's VOICE August 2022

A community transformed by Christ, to be Christ in the world.

### *Wilderness Escape Vacation Bible School at Our Savior's... God Only Has Children...*

There is an old saying that goes *God has no grandchildren, only children*. And I'm pretty sure what this means is that the Holy Spirit calls each and every one of us – regardless of age – into a relationship with God as *children of God*; and this is *non-transferable* through the faith and piety of our ancestors.

God may not have any grandchildren, but many of you reading this *VOICE* article do. And many of you have influence with many young people in our community (*be they our own children, or "someone else's"*) who need to hear the promise of Matthew 28:19 of... "*Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit...*"

One of the many reasons why I have encouraged so much *time, talent, and treasure* to be invested in our Vacation Bible School effort, *Wilderness Escape*, is to simply allow the Holy Spirit to use us to bring more children to God. Whether they are "our" children who have already been baptized, and our graciously being invited back, or "other" children who have yet to have any encounter with the living Lord; we are all in this together as God's children.

By the time you read this August *VOICE* article a great deal of planning and preparation will have already gone into *The Wilderness Escape* VBS to be held for the five evenings from Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. In addition to your faithful prayers and offerings that will allow this ministry event to happen, please read carefully the other requests that will be announced in the weeks ahead (please read the article updating the status of VBS in this issue of the August *VOICE* as well).

Finally, I encourage each and every one of you to join with me in stepping out of our collective comfort zones. **INVITE, INVITE, INVITE** children from Kindergarten to Fifth grade to be a part the Vacation Bible School Experience *Wilderness Escape*. We are hosting at Our Savior's with our brothers and sisters, First Lutheran, United Wesleyan Church and Trinity Lutheran Church. Pray and praise for the progress the Holy Spirit will make in raising *children of God*.

God bless and be well,  
Pastor Kevin

***Pulpit Exchange: Inviting Vicar Tauna Roth to Our Savior's  
Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>***

As many of you are well aware this past year (since September of 2021) Holy Trinity & Faith Lutheran Churches have been served by a Seminary Inter, Vicar Tauna Roth. I have served as Vicar Tauna's Internship Supervisor in what is commonly referred to as "Detached Site Supervision".

Vicar Tauna has done excellent ministry in our area, and soon she will be wrapping up her internship experience and moving closer towards a Congregational Call and Ordination. Both Vicar Tauna and her husband, Pastor Eric Roth, have been assigned to one of the ELCA Synods in Wisconsin.

With the approval of OSLC Church Council, it was viewed as a beneficial experience for all, if Vicar Tauna could have an opportunity to preach and lead worship at Our Savior's. The benefits would be that Vicar Tauna would get to lead worship in a larger, and different worship setting, and YOU would get the opportunity to be blessed by her burgeoning spiritual gifts as she moves closer to becoming a Pastor. Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, Vicar Tauna will be leading worship at Our Savior's and I would then lead worship at Faith Lutheran and Holy Trinity that same morning.

Come one, come all!!!! Let's pack the pews on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

God bless,  
Pastor Kevin



***Musical Notes***

How can we possibly be winding down on Summer? I am so very appreciative of those who have been attending services this Summer. I feel we can be very proud of the effort people have been making to gather each week. We have tried (I say 'we' but it is Julie's responsibility) to line up special music. Thank you again!

Here is the lineup for August. Julie will perform once again on violin August 7<sup>th</sup>. Then, we will be treated to Dustin Davidson at the piano on August 14<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to Tiffany Halverson singing for us on the 21<sup>st</sup>. And to finish out summer schedule we will have a responsive Psalm. There you go.

We will begin Temple Choir rehearsals the end of August. I will contact current singers and make sure that it gets out to the congregation for any others wishing to join us. Probably by mid-September we will get back to Handbell rehearsals. Enjoy the remaining days of summer! *Roy*



### Pastoral Acts

Graveside service – June 27 Lorraine Sterns  
 Funeral - July 6 Renee' Lin Schiltz  
 July 8 Earl Harlan Wesley

Wedding - July 16 John Savone and Kathy Dow  
 Baptism – July 17 Cora Emily Hocking  
 July 23 James Clinton Olson

### Happy Birthday and have a great day!

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| August | 4  | Don Schwartz     |
|        | 6  | Peggy Vidmar     |
|        | 8  | Philip Harris    |
|        | 19 | Cliff Rasch      |
|        | 21 | Patricia Johnson |
|        | 25 | Sylvia Lehman    |
|        | 27 | Helga Nelson     |
|        | 30 | Phyllis Fawkes   |



### Happy Anniversary



Best wishes to Bob & Gail Carlson who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on August 12<sup>th</sup>. *Happy Anniversary!!!*

Best wishes to Gerald & Pat Castagneri who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on August 26<sup>th</sup>. *Happy Anniversary!!!*



We will conclude our Summer Bible Study on Thursday, August 11 at 10AM. The final episode is titled "The Ties That Bind" and can be found in the July-August edition of the Gather magazine. It's not necessary to have attended any of the previous sessions. We will welcome you and look forward to your opinions and insights. Coffee will be provided. Extra copies of the magazine are available at the office. Please join us!



## White Elephant Sale Update

**The 2023 Sale Date is May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your 2023 Calendars, **May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-3PM**. Setup will be 5/1 - 5/5. There have been many changes to this date, but it was just recently finalized with the Hibbing Memorial Building. Monday 5/1 will only be utilized for moving in and setting up tables and clothing racks. The Thistledeew workers have been notified and they are set up to help 5/2 at 8AM and 5/6 at 3PM. At our 2022 sale close-out meeting in May, it was noted that things went extremely well following some hectic times with the COVID-19 cancellation of the MN-DOC Thistledeew Crew and the Hibbing Fire Marshall Building Regulations. There will be a meeting set up with the Hibbing Fire Marshall in January of 2023 to go over all issues. Most of the changes, in how we did things, will be the same as they were in 2022, like canned beverages at the lunch counter during the sale, utilization of the West and possibly East outer hallways, bikes only in the South building entrance area, cold canned beverages for workers following sale clean-up. One other update is 6 new 8' and 10 new 6' tables have been ordered to replace 20 old and heavy mini tables and 6 old heavy wooden tables which were scrapped out.

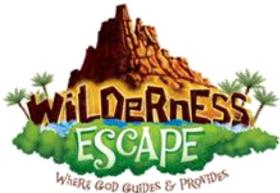
One new change will be, we will no longer accept purses, shoes, sandals, and boots. If you have any of these items, please put them in the Green DAV drop-off containers in Memorial Building parking lot. If some slip thru, we will again bag and store during the sale for DAV pick-up.

The WES Steering Committee, is in need of some new volunteers and leadership. Please step up and help if you can. We already have one person who will be back in the area for the sale after being a snowbird for 5-6 years when the sale was held. Remember the sale proceeds goes toward the maintenance and upkeep of the brick and mortar building, not Church operations. OSLC is the envy of many churches in the area, as it is well maintained and updated, to keep operations cost low.

Below is an updated "Do Not Accept or Pickup List:

Air Conditioners    Carpeting    Bookcases made of particle board  
Computers/ Printers/Monitors    Drapery Rods and blinds    Electronics  
Televisions    Infant Car Seats if over 5 years old  
Hide-a- bed Sofa Sleepers    Paint/ Thinners/ Insecticides  
Pillows (Bed type)    Shoes/Boots/Purses    Mattress/Box Springs  
Piano's / Organs    Freezers  
Ironing Boards    Microwaves    Exercise Equipment/Stair Stepper/  
Stationary Bike/ Treadmill

Mike Stavnes, WES Committee Lead



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ OUR SAVIOR'S!  
THEME... Wilderness Escape:  
Where God Guides & Provides**



**WHEN... Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> through  
Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

**TIME OF DAY... Evenings, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

**WHERE... Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 501 East 23<sup>rd</sup> St.**

**WHO... Completed Kindergarten through Fifth Grade**

Hosting a Vacation Bible School (V.B.S.) experience at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in mid-August. Yes, we can do this! First Lutheran, Holy Trinity, Our Savior's and United Wesley Methodist Church are combining for the fun!!!

Planning is still in the works, but here is the vision as it now stands...

- *Wilderness Escape* VBS will be held Sunday evening (5:00 – 7:30 p.m.), August 14<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The latest in CDC precautions will be put in place (we might be wearing masks inside, while taking them off outside).
- A light meal will be served each night. Lisa Pastika has graciously consented to lend her skills in this regard!
- We are now actively recruiting volunteers for many different tasks: teachers, helpers, staffing for games and crafts, plus the possibility of building "sets" out of cardboard. Please prayerfully consider participating if asked!
- Registration forms, and other promotional materials, will soon be made available.
- Last, but certainly not least, encourage any child that you might have influence over, completed Kindergarten through Fifth Grade, to participate in the *Wilderness Escape* VBS!



## **Confirmation News: (new Fall grades)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade** - You will receive your Bible this fall

**4<sup>th</sup> grade** - If you did not receive your Bible see Cindy in the office.

**5<sup>th</sup> grade** - During Lent 2023 you will receive 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Instruction

**6<sup>th</sup> gr.** - Welcome to the Communion Rail  
Please let Cindy know when you are able to acolyte.

**7<sup>th</sup> grade** - Participation: 10 sermon notes, 10 hrs. of service, Acolyte

**8<sup>th</sup> grade** - Participation: 10 sermon notes, 10 hrs. of service, Acolyte

**9<sup>th</sup> grade** - Participation: 10 sermon notes, 10 hours of service

**10<sup>th</sup> grade** - Participation: 10 sermon notes, 10 hours of service

**7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> gr.** - Confirmation classes begin Wednesday, September 14th

**11<sup>th</sup> grade** - Participation: 10 sermon notes, 10 hours of service,  
complete any incomplete work, meet with your mentor  
Mark your calendars: Confirmation is Sunday, Oct. 30th

*2022 Missionary for a Day Calendar* has received \$715 to date.

During July gifts were received:

In honor of Mitch & Sharon Cook Family Birthdays – Gunnar, David, Mitch,  
Logan, and in memory of Clintons Cook's birthday

In celebration of Mitch & Sharon Cook's, Cynthia & Pat's, and Dylan & Noel's  
Anniversaries

In memory of Helen Sulentic

**Your support is needed**, contributions are running behind previous years.

Thank you for your generous support of our missionary, Dr. Friberg in Tanzania.

Any time is a good time to sign up and contribute to the *Missionary for a Day Calendar*. A gift of \$10 in memory or honor of a special friend or loved one will support our missionary for one day. Dr. Friberg's work in Tanzania is very important, be a part of it!

## *Council Meeting Highlights*

Since everyone was enjoying the Summer, we did not meet on July 12, 2022 due to not having a quorum. Looking forward to seeing you at the next Council meeting on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

## Pictorial Directory News



We would like to have a photo for each family household. Like years past we will have a list of dates and times. Signing up for a time slot will be available online, in person or over the phone. Different from the most recent directory we will be doing the photos at our studio, Flom Designs and Photography, which is located in downtown Hibbing, across the street from Goodwill. The address is 316 E Howard Street. Submission of a photo is also an option. Also, if you need a photographer to come to you - please don't hesitate to call 218-208-9565. In the coming weeks we will also have forms for a sign up after Sunday services.

Similar to the last directory we will be giving each family a free 8X10. The church will be purchasing directories for each participating family. We also will have a way for families to purchase the directory to help with the cost. You will also be able to purchase more photos.

Over the next two months, we will have times set aside for people to sign up in:

August                      September

Also, the church will gather some "time and talents" info. Please take some time to see how you can help our church.

The sooner you sign up, the sooner we can put the directory together.

Sign up before we have to call you and twist your arm.

For more information or to sign up for a time slot, go to this link:

<https://flomdesigns.com/oslc>. Call this number - 218-208-9565 to sign up for a time also.

Thank you, Emily and John Law and the OSLC Pictorial Directory Group

Here are the current dates and times we set aside. We would block out 2 families every half hour. Also, we will work for people that need special accommodations, weekend or weekday considerations. We would ask that the contact information for that person be given to us so we can reach out to them personally. We left time open at the end of September so we can do a final push too.

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| August 23rd 10:00-3:00pm | September 14th 3:00-7:00pm  |
| August 24th 3:00-7:00pm  | September 15th 3:00-7:00pm  |
| August 25th 3:00-7:00pm  | September 19th 3:00-7:00pm  |
| August 28th 12:00-4:00pm | September 20th 3:00-7:00pm  |
|                          | September 21st 10:00-2:00pm |

Here is how the sign up for time will look <https://forms.gle/W5gvpMSozYDGLATo6>

## *OSLC Women*

OSLC Women are thinking ahead to one of our big Fall projects—school backpacks for Lutheran World Relief. If you wish to buy, needed items are: five unsharpened number 2 pencils—basic yellow, five Bic style blue or black pens, one 12"/30cm ruler, one child's scissors, one 24 count Crayola crayons, 4 one subject spiral bound notebooks and one 2" eraser. I see where notebooks are now 70 sheets and not 80—shrinkflation! We have the backpacks on hand and hope to do 200 packs. We also gladly accept monetary donations to help with buying items to fill these bags.

Quilting will resume in September. In the interim, some of the ladies continue to make tops and sort and cut the fabrics we have on hand. This Fall we are challenging ourselves to find new ways to involve younger women in at least helping tie quilts. If you wish to make tops let me or the office know and will get packets of squares ready for sewing.

One goal for the coming 2022-23 church year is to seek more involvement from younger women so that things like pasty bakes, bazaar, donut making, Lutheran World Relief projects, funeral meal service and even Sunday School can be real and growing with your help. It sounds daunting, but if you choose to just try one thing you will find many friendly and welcoming faces. We are willing to learn new ways to do things more efficiently and differently. At quilting we say tie the knot for the quilt the way you know how—no way is perfect!

We encourage you to go on the Women of the ELCA website and check out the CAFÉ' Bible Study designed for working and younger women.

If you would like your name to be added to those willing to help serve Funeral lunches or Sunday morning coffee, please call me, Elaine Anderson – 262-3501 or the office – 263-7422. All funeral food is now prepared at church under the capable supervision of Linda Kangas.

Have a fun, safe and happy Summer.  
Sue Schock, 218-292-1892.

## **A Sevenfold Blessing from Scripture**

May God be gracious to you.  
May God bless you.  
May God make his face shine upon you.  
May you be strengthened with all power according to  
God's glorious might.  
May you be filled with joy.  
May God give you the desire of your heart,  
and make all your plans succeed.  
(Drawn from Psalm 67:1, Colossians 1:11, Psalm 20:4)

Home Congregation \_\_\_\_\_



WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



**August 14 – 18, 2022      5 – 7:30pm**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM**  
(Required for participation)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby enroll and give permission for my child to participate in the planned activities of VBS. I acknowledge the health of my child to be ready for VBS. In the event I cannot be reached in an EMERGENCY, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the VBS Leader to secure any medical or emergency treatment deemed necessary.

I also give permission for any photo or video taken of my child to be used by OSLC and/or other sponsoring organizations for promotional purposes (such as in newspapers, brochures or on electronic media) and/or historical records. With respect to potential COVID concerns, we will follow masking recommendations as prescribe by the St. Louis County Department of Health.



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**Parent or Guardian's Signature** *(cannot attend unless this is signed)*

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_