

## Our Savior's VOICE September 2022

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



### *“God’s Work/Our Hands Sunday” Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 9 a.m.*

As the title implies, *God’s Work/Our Hands* is a dedicated Sunday out of the church year where we join with other ELCA Churches to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – *one church, freed in Christ, to love and serve our neighbor.*

These acts of service allow us to explore one of our most basic Lutheran convictions: ***All of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service in daily calling, in every corner of the life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.***

The COVID-19 pandemic brought about significant changes to our world, and we continue to witness how communities across the globe – and within our own backyard – experience COVID’s impact. But one thing is certain, we continue to be church *together*. Throughout the ELCA we witness the love and concern God’s people have for one another. Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, in our humble corner of God’s kingdom, continues to support ministries that assist vulnerable people within our community.

We believe God is calling us to reach out to the people in our communities with the message of hope we know in Jesus Christ. As Ephesians 2:8-10 reminds us, God has created us by grace to live in union with Jesus Christ, and has prepared us to live faithful, fruitful lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus Christ, God has reconciled us to God and to each other. As we gather around Word and Sacraments, this life in Christ defines, shapes and guides us as a community of faith, the church. By God’s grace we can and do live confidently and generously in this community of faith, and in service to others.

The worship service for Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, will be crafted around the theme of *God’s Work/Our Hands*, and special guests will be invited to proclaim opportunities of service in our community.

Tiffany Schleppegrell, the *Executive Director of Project Care Clinics*, and Don Brunette, of *Access North* will be on hand to update us on the mission and service these fine organizations bring to our community. *(In addition to their message, there will be service opportunities to assist both Project Care and Access North.)*

The schedule for *God's Work/Our Hands* will be as follows:

Sunday Morning Worship @ 9 a.m.

Fellowship Brunch after Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

In House & Community Service Projects @ 11:15 a.m.

Service Projects are still being finalized, but there are two we are aware of right now: 1) Assembling promotional information for *Project Care*;

2) Building access ramps at the *Access North* site.

For those choosing to participate in ramp building, don't forget to bring your favorite screw gun! And it goes without saying for everyone, wear the *God's Work/Our Hands* yellow shirts designated for this day, AND dress in comfortable work clothing!

God bless and be well,  
Pastor Kevin



## *Musical Notes*

The weather has been cooling day by day so, we must be coming up to Fall schedule. We will have a choir kick-off rehearsal and social Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall (since we will have refreshments). It is very important that we get off to a good start. We have two services to prepare for. The first is September 11<sup>th</sup> which is our annual 'God's Work, Our Hands.' This is a great way to start our year with a day to do some service projects. We will 'hit the ground running' as they say and sing a great arrangement of the gospel favorite "What a Fellowship" arranged by David Cherwien". You won't want to miss this event! We have lost several singers, so it is very important that everyone make the rehearsals on both August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>. Help us out if you can. The Temple Choir will sing every first and third Sunday. Then, on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> we will begin Handbell Choir rehearsals. We need participants to make both groups successful. The Music Ministry at OSLC has such a great tradition and we need to do our very best to continue to share our faith through the great music of the church. It is a great privilege for me to direct these ensembles!

*Roy*

*Come one, come all!!!*



We have reached that time of year for signing up for activities. Please sign up for:

*Choir* practice starts Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Start tuning those voices!!!! Looking forward to seeing you there.

*Handbells* practice starts on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

*Confirmation* starts on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

*Sunday School* starts Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

Please call the office at 218-263-7422 to sign up for any of these activities.



*Pastoral Acts*

Baptism – August 14 Galen Owen Garness

Memorial Service - August 26 Linda L. Vine

*Happy Birthday* and have a great day!

Sept	3	Myrt Hook
	3	Eleanor Hummel
	7	Harriet Maras
	23	Al Johnson
	23	Nancy Sampson
	24	William Pietila



Our Women's Bible Study will be Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. We welcome you and look forward to seeing you. Coffee will be provided. Extra copies of the magazine are available at the office. Please join us!



For your cards and prayers while I was out of commission. Both are very much appreciated. I am coming back!!!!n  
Sylvia Penn

A huge THANK YOU to all who made Vacation Bible School a success this year!!! We sure could not have done this without all of our amazing volunteers. Looking forward to next years activities.



### *Council Meeting Highlights* (August 9, 2022)

- The Council met in Room 1.
- The General Fund as of July 31, 2022 was \$8,283.71.
- The Council is in the process of finalizing a brochure highlighting OSLC.
- A meeting to organize Gods Work Our Hands (Sunday, September 11) is being scheduled.
- Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped with our booth at Hibbing on Howard and National Night Out! Thank you also to all of the volunteers for helping organize and lead the 2022 Vacation Bible School!
- The next Council meeting is September 13.

*2022 Missionary for a Day Calendar* has received \$1,215 to date.

During August gifts were received:

In memory of Deanna Draves

In celebration of Helga Nelson's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

In celebration of Pastor Kevin's birthday

In honor of our hardworking volunteers at OSLC

In memory of Helen Sulentic

In loving celebration of Kari & Brian Watson-Hoepner's 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

In loving memory of David (Buck) Watson's birthday

**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!

## Confirmation News:

**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  
Wed., September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.**

**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. 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Please let Cindy know your height in shoes and your  
weight so she can order gowns soon.

## The Women of OSLC

will begin a new Bible study in September.

Our "Gather" magazine describes "Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith" study to open our eyes to see our physical world as something to care for, learn from, and recognize that we are all created by God. It promises to give us new perspectives on the character of God and hopes to challenge us to a deeper stewardship of God's creation. In September, Session 1 will focus on trees. It's easy to remember how often Scripture mentions various trees.

We will meet in the fellowship hall at 10am on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and all women are invited to join this informal group.

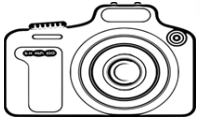
Our "Gather" studies have now become the CIRCLE meetings of years past. No one is assigned to any particular group anymore (since they no longer exist) and in addition to our Bible studies, we discuss the activities of OSLC and plan upcoming events, such as pasty bakes, bazaar, White Elephant etc.

You are invited and encouraged to join us at any of our meetings on the 2nd Thursdays of the month at 10am. We NEED your input and ideas, and promise to welcome you at any of the monthly meetings.

Come and see us on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

Sue Stanisich

## 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.

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

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.

September 14th 3:00-7:00pm  
September 15th 3:00-7:00pm  
September 19th 3:00-7:00pm  
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>

## Quilts, School bags and more Quilts!

In the last Lutheran World Relief newsletter people from the Ukraine and other refugee camps were interviewed and all gave much appreciation to LWR for the warmth of the quilts they had received as well as personal care kits and school kits.

Our quilting will start again on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> at nine til noon. The next week we will switch to Mondays for the future quilting days. All are welcome—both men and ladies. Coffee and goodies will be available each time.

Schools receiving the school kits have said how much better student attendance and attitude becomes when the children are equipped with the necessary and correct supplies for learning. These kits encourage students to want to learn and complete their lessons and teachers are able to keep teaching without having to back track to keep getting students caught up as they did haven't the pencils or paper to do lessons. We are especially in need of 70-page one subject notebooks as there are four in each backpack.



Let us start the Fall schedule with a smile on our faces, a song in our hearts and hands ready to serve. "As you have done it unto the least of these you have done it unto me" Matthew 25:40

In Christ, Sue Schock

## OSLC members on the 2022 Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry staff

This summer Alison Trullinger, Lauren Jackson, Julia Gwash, and Karolyn Torgerson served on the staff at Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry - Camp Vermilion and Camp Hiawatha. Kristy Rudberg-Post came for a week to guide a BWCAW canoe trip. Sue Berg-Pocquette helped in the kitchen and cooked a couple of times at Camp Vermilion. Kara and Paul Ronning also helped in the kitchen, and Paul frequently gave his time working on maintenance and site management projects.





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Would you like our congregation to pray for any issues, problems, or health concerns you have? We believe in the power of prayer and know that our petitions are heard and answered. Please call the church office at 218-263-7422 and we will pass your request on to the Prayer Chain.

The **Columbarium** at Our Savior's offers perpetually endowed care for the remains of those members and their family who choose cremation. It is a place of peace, solitude, and prayer restoring the ancient practice of church burial. If you would like to learn more about the columbarium, please make an appointment with Cindy in the church office by calling 218-263-7422.

**Note to Niche Owners:** The entry door to the Columbarium area has a new lock. This keyless entry system will allow you to visit anytime you wish. Please call Cindy, 218-263-7422, to set up your personal key code. If you previously purchased a key for the door it will continue to work, but if you turn in your keys you will be refunded the purchase price.

Teller schedule:

Sept 4 – Team 4  
Sept 11 – Team 5  
Sept 18 – Team 6  
Sept 25 – Team 1

Usher schedule:

Sept 4 – Team 6  
Sept 11 – Team 7  
Sept 18 – Team 1  
Sept 25 – Team 2





## *A Prayer for Our Teachers*

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for the amazing teachers who have given their lives to serve our children. As they prepare for the new year fill them with strength to lead, grace to guide and hope to thrive in their classroom.*

*Bless them beyond measure for their willingness to pour into the next generation through education.*

*In Jesus' name, amen.*



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## *A Prayer for Our Students*

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form.

As our children prepare to start a new year,  
May confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide  
and may hope be their compass toward a bright future.

I pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them

And a heart to love well.

May they face each day with positivity  
knowing that no matter what comes their way,  
they don't have to face it alone.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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