

Remember in your Prayers

Member Concerns: Amanda Kuper; Ed Harbeck; Pam Schulze; Kevin Carlson; Gordon & Lois Riekmann; Bonnie Storlie; George Meyer; Merle Houdek; Karen Schlein; Bob Loos; Francis Pflibsen; Connie DeLorme, Mike & Sandy Miller

Non-Member Friends/Family Concerns: June (Joanne Heathman's mom); Sam (nephew of Mary Ann Smith); Maryette & Melissa (Mary Ann Smith's Cousin); Ed Sehl, husband of Jeri Sehl previous OSLC member; Craig (Connie DeLorme's son); Glenn Riekmann (son of Gordon & Lois); Mary Johnson; Chris Wilson (son in law of Everett and Vickie Schulz); Lori (George Meyer's cousin); Magnus Svennungsen (Thoreson family member)

Military Concerns: Andrew McCumber; Chris Sikich; Margaret & Catherine Maher; Clark Rose; Ryan Nordstrom; Dan & Kelly Pickett, all our service men and women serving in the Military and all of our veterans who have served.

Global Ministry: Palliative Care Program at Iambi Hospital, Tanzania

Seminary Scholarship Recipient: Sadie Short

**Events listed in italics are non church activities here in the building.*

Sunday, September 1

9am Worship
10am Fellowship
5pm Funky Bunch

Monday, September 2

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3

Joanne off
11am P. Nikki at Text Study
7pm Joint Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday, September 4

9am Office open
11am P. Ben at Text Study
6pm Grace Bells Rehearsal
7pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 5

P. Nikki off
9am Office open

Friday, September 6

P. Nikki off

Saturday, September 7

Sunday, September 8

9:30am Rally Sunday at Good Shepherd
—Message from the Youth
—Potluck to follow
6pm Scouts

Monday, September 9

9am Naomi Circle
2:30-8:30pm Cello Lessons-Music Rm

Tuesday, September 10

9am Office open
2pm Office Staff Meeting
2:30-8:30pm Cello Lessons-Music Rm

Wednesday, September 11

9am Office open
9:30am Priscilla Circle
10am Martha Circle
11am P. Ben at Text Study
6pm Grace Bells Rehearsal
6:30pm Pack 83-Fellowship Hall
7pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 12

P. Nikki day off
9am Faithfully Fit
10:30am Bible Study w/P. Ben
3:30-7:30pm Cello Lessons-Music Rm
6:30pm Sons of Norway-Fellowship Hall

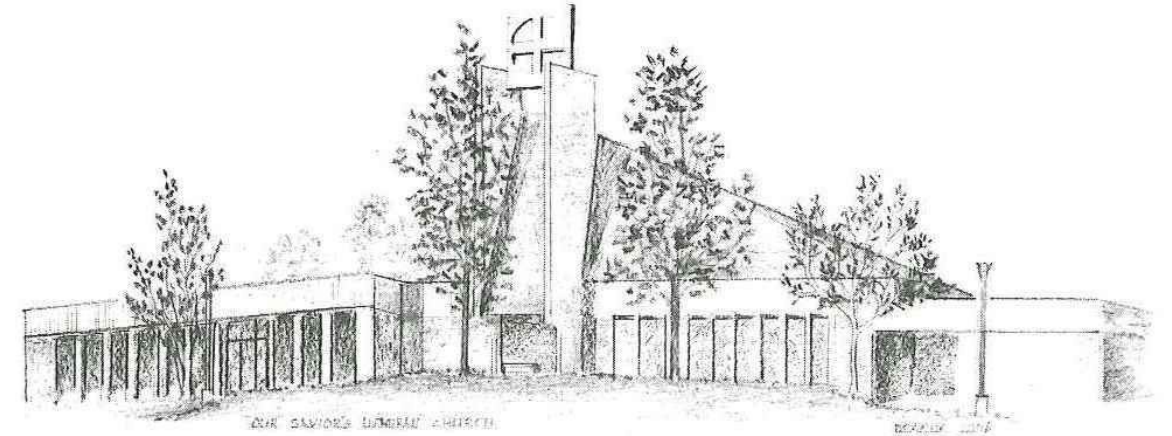
Friday, September 13

P. Nikki day off

Saturday, September 14

No activities

September 1, 2024
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
WELCOME TO WORSHIP



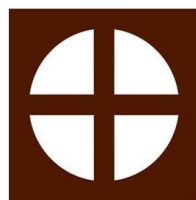
GATHERING SONG	<i>Earth and All Stars</i>	Song #731
THE LORE OF JESUS FOR TODAY		Isaiah 53 P. Ben Loven
SONG OF THE DAY	<i>Light Dawns on a Weary World</i>	Song #726
DISTRIBUTION SONGS	<i>Let All Moral Flesh Keep Silence</i> <i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	Song #490 Song #881
SENDING SONG	<i>God, Whose Almighty Word</i>	Song #673

We welcome new visitors and old friends, long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to faith. To those who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, do not believe, you are welcome here. Regardless of age, color, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, marital status, abilities or challenges, join us, you are welcome here. You are welcome to worship, to celebrate and sorrow, to rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new.

The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00am to 3pm
Office—289-3021; **Website:** www.rochesterosl.org
Pastor Ben Loven—bloven@rochesterosl.org; cell 701-580-1559
Pastor Nikki Rockne—pnikki@rochesterosl.org cell 507-398-7710
Our office doors are always open for visits/conversations. Please make a call to the church office before visiting if you would like to specifically visit with one of us to ensure we are in.
Joanne Hamilton, Office—office@rochesterosl.org
Greg Henderson, Director of Music—music@rochesterosl.org
Katie Zahasky, Prayer Chain—254-7894 or ktzahasky4@gmail.com

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 9:00am Worship
Organist: Greg Henderson, **Pianist:** Jan Matson
Sound Board Engineer: Maureen Lemens
Offering Counters: Kevin & Cindy Weber
Ushers: Wanda Hagquist, Todd McCumber
Communion Assistant/Offering Assistant: Bill Nicklay
Altar Guild: Katie Zahasky
Fellowship: Warren & Brenda Harmon

Come a Stranger, Leave a Friend



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CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTION for SEPTEMBER

Hope Lodge

Please bring all items to the basket provided in the Narthex. Thank you.

**Towels & bedding,
**Laundry supplies, **Office supplies, **Cleaning supplies
**Paper products, **Gift certificates (gas cards-Target-Hy-Vee)
**Puzzles, board games, CDS , **Greeting cards
**Night lights, **Grocery & Kitchen supplies.



QUILTING

Everyone is welcome. No sewing skills are needed.

Time: 9:00am

Location: OSLC

Remaining 2024 Dates

Sept. 17th

Oct. 15th,

Nov. 19th

**We do not meet in
December**

How's That Work Again? - Confirmation

For decades, Pastor Fred and I had walked through Confirmation Classes with young people – teaching them, helping them grow, building relationships – only for them to get confirmed and then disappear from the life of the congregation. Confirmation Sunday had become Graduation Sunday, because the students had reached the end of their “church school.” So in 2017, we shifted up our faith-formation model. Since then, we have intentionally worked to separate Confirmation (when our young people have been publicly affirmed in the promises that God made to them in baptism) from graduation (“to receive a degree or diploma on completing a course of study”). To facilitate this, we did away with separate Confirmation Classes, focusing instead on offering new methods of faith-formation.

However, these new methods were not connecting with our youth and families like we had hoped they would. So in April, we began experimenting with a new type of Confirmation Class: we would meet once a month on a Sunday evening; we would share a meal, then learn; it would be for youth grades 6-12; and at least one parent or caring adult would be there for each youth.

All along, when they are in 9th grade, kids have been affirmed in the promises of baptism – this will not change; but notice that these classes are open to kids *beyond* their 9th grade year. This is because Confirmation is not graduation. It is there for our youth and their parents to grow in faith and life, and build relationships with God, each other, and the pastors.

If you'd like to help out with this, or if you'd like to join in the fun in some way, please talk to me! I'd love for more of our adults to help pass on the faith!

Pastor Ben



FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us as we grow in our faith together.

Thru song, play, skits, art work, and music we will look at Bible stories that help shape who we are and whose we are.

We start September 15th and we meet after worship. Everybody is welcome!

September

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUBS NEEDED

Please consider being a sub volunteer worship assistant. We have a great group rotation, but we could use a few more volunteers to ask when our regulars cannot help. Contact Joanne in the office to sign up or for more information.

SOUND BOARD ENGINEER NEEDED

If you are interested in learning the sound board and being on the Sunday rotation, please contact Bob Westland. 421-4772. New and exciting things are happening. Come be a part of it.

FAITHFULLY FIT STARTS

SEPT. 12

The Thursday morning exercise group meets at 9:15am in the Narthex. Join us for light exercise and joyful conversation. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA BIBLE STUDY

Martha Circle—Sept. 11 at 10am

Hostess: Sharon K. Peterson

Bible Study: Group

Naomi Circle—2nd Monday at 9am

Priscilla Circle—Sept. 11 at 9:30am

Hostess: Diana Schroeder

Bible Study: Group

Sarah Circle—3rd Tuesday at 1pm



Circle Meetings

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God from Craig & Diana Martens in celebration of their anniversary

Sept. 8 @ G.S. Sept. 15—Rask Sept. 22—Pederson Sept. 29—OPEN

Please consider signing up to give flowers. Cost is \$40 and they are yours to take home after worship. Please remember to return the vase as our pricing is based on that.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER

Good Earth Village



Good Earth Village (GEV for short), located about 45 minutes away in Spring Valley, MN, is our church camp! GEV offers summer camps for kids and youth, educational opportunities for all ages throughout the year, and fantastic space for retreats.

Our Savior's has long been a supporter of GEV. In the recent past, kids from our congregation have attended camp, families have attended summer Family Camp, and still more families have participated in weekend retreats during February and March.

We will be collecting a special offering throughout September to continue our support of GEV and our wonderful ministry partnership. Please consider making an additional gift during the month to enable GEV to share God's love with southeastern Minnesota and northwestern Iowa!

Simply Giving is an easy way to keep up on your giving. There are forms in the Business Center on the wall rack. They can be filled out and left in my box marked Financial Secretary in the Business Center, or you can contact me for more information. Tim Hornseth, Financial Secretary, 507-261-4719 or tjhornseth@charter.net

July Treasurer's Report:

Income YTD (as of 07/31/2024): \$246,272.38
 Expenses YTD (as of 07/31/2024): \$246,896.04
 Budgeted Expenses: \$247,038.75



Scan for easy giving!

Rally Sunday



Sunday, September 8
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

- **Worship at 9:30am**
- **Message from the Youth**
- **Potluck to follow**



FUNKY BUNCH BIBLE STUDY

This group is for families, and it meets on the first Sunday of every month. It starts with a potluck supper at 5PM (the theme is decided beforehand, so people know what to bring), followed by crafting and a kid-friendly movie while the adults read the Bible. No prior Bible experience is necessary, and as the name implies, everyone comes with a healthy dose of humor and acceptance!

MUSIC HAS BEGUN AGAIN AT OSLC

Greg and Bev have been working hard at getting another great music season underway as many have said they are anxious to get back to it. Rehearsals for Grace Bells and the Vocal Choir will begin on Wednesday, August 28 at OSLC.

Grace Bells rehearsing at 6pm with Bev Gronvold directing.

Vocal Choir will rehearsing at 7pm with Greg Henderson directing.

We invite all to come and give it a try.

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BEN

On Thursday, September 12th, at 10:30AM, the Thursday Bible Study returns! If you've ever felt like you wished you knew more about the Bible, but were anxious that you didn't know enough, this is the Bible Study for you! There's no homework, you don't have to be an "expert" to participate, and everyone there cares about each other. We're going to be working our way through the Gospel of John. Come join in the conversation!



ANY TIME is the perfect time to take advantage of walking in the church. Cool in the summer...warm in the winter and not icy. 8 – figure 8 laps around equals one mile. If coming

over lunch, please call first. The parking lot (when not slippery) is also a great, safe place to walk .

FAIR TRADE MARKET

Over 20 fair and ethical trade vendors under one roof selling food, chocolate, home décor, and so much more



Friday, October 4, 4pm-7pm



Saturday, October 5, 9am-4pm

Sunday, October 6, 10am-1pm



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Grief Support Session Fall 2024 At Good Shepherd Lutheran

Starting Monday, Oct. 7th and every Monday for six weeks, we invite those of you that have lost a loved one whether recently or in time past (may be a year or longer) to join us in our grief support group. The loss may be a spouse, sibling, parent, child, or friend. We will focus on the support each participant needs and how we lean on our faith while going through our grief.

Grieving does take time and effort, and we will share information on various topics related to your losses as well as opportunities for you to share, though that is not required. You are welcome to just come and listen, and be part of our group.

The group will be facilitated by Jan Butorac, Joleen Mainz and Carol Olson. If you have a friend from another congregation that has had a loss, they are welcome to join us also.

Dates: Mon. Oct. 7th - Mon. Nov. 11th

Time: 12:30 – 2pm

Place: Good Shepherd Church

To register: Contact the church secretary, Mike at GSC (507-289-1748 or office@goodshepherdchurch.net) and give him the following information:

1. Name

2. Phone

Email

We look forward to gathering with you and supporting you during this time.