



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

July 9th, 2023—Weekly Happenings

"Open to Serve a Loving Christ"



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Included in our prayers this week:

Linda Eng, Derek Gerlach, Elaine Powers, Cory Scofield, Vern Thorson, Hayley Hansen, Bruce Clark, Dolly Kenison, Dorothy Bauske, Vicki Rentschler and Lane Miller.

All of our services members:

Especially Brandon Peters, Dylan Erickson, David Eng, Nick Orlick, Cyrah Gundvaldson & Bridget Flannery

VISITORS: Please fill out the tan, "Welcome" card with a cross on it located in your pew! Place in the offering plate or hand to the Usher. Please sign our guest book as well.

NEW MEMBER?? If anyone is interested in becoming a member of Our Savior's Lutheran, please contact the church office, 997-2186 or oslcf@iw.net. We'd be excited to welcome you into our church family!

NOON PRAYER: Livestreamed on the church Facebook page Monday - Thursday at noon. Join in a brief break in the week day to stop and center yourself, while meditating on the scripture texts for the next Sunday.

SAVE THE DATES Vacation Bible School

VBS Dates are July 31 - August 3

Evening performance August 3rd. The VBS students will also be performing at the Park Days Worship on August 6th. Our theme this year is

"Hero Hotline" <https://flandreau.mycokesburyvbs.com>



HYMN AND PRAISE SONG SING-ALONG

July 9 at The Merc, 4:00pm

Fundraiser for 2023 Vacation Bible School!

All are welcome! (Free will offering)

THANK YOU to the many individuals who gave of their time, financial support, and their prayers for making the serving of The Banquet on June 7th a success. This ministry couldn't happen without so many of our local people supporting it. Thank You! God Bless! Have a wonderful and safe summer! Jane DeLay

FILL THE BOOKSHELF Pastor Ramona has challenged us to raise \$4000 to provide materials and training for the lay pastors and youth of the Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope in Nicaragua. As of this Sunday, we have raised \$2186! We are over halfway there! To donate, take a post-it from the "Fill the Bookshelf" board outside the sanctuary. Donate the dollar amount listed on the post-it and place it in the envelope on the board. Please make checks payable to Our Savior's Lutheran church, with "books for Nicaragua" written in the memo line. From our siblings in Nicaragua: Muchas Gracias!"

BERGEN THRESHING BEE The Bergen Threshing Bee committee is hard at work putting together a fantastic day of worship, food, fellowship and FUNdraising to benefit rural ministry across the entire state. Be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, July 30, and plan to join us! Silent and live auctions will be a part of the day's activities—you are invited to join in supporting rural ministry with a donation individually or as a congregation. Please contact Kristi Anderson at kristi_anderson@outlook.com or (605) 265-0297 for more information or to make arrangements to deliver your auction items.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY. Give your family the gift of a carefully thought-out estate plan by starting the work now! Set a goal to have an envelope under the Christmas tree with copies of your completed/updated legacy documents. This gift of peace of mind, preserved relationships, and a testament to your faith and values is always the right size and might be the best present you've ever given. Contact Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota at 605.274.5030 or lpgsd@sdsynod.org for help getting started.

LOSD ADULT TRAVEL FALL LAKE SUPERIOR TRIP:

September 9-13, 2023. Begin your fall with a five-day event exploring the beautiful North Shore area of Lake Superior. Spend three nights in Duluth, with many stops including the Vista Star dinner cruise, North Shore scenic railroad to and from Two Harbors, a beautiful day trip along North Shore to and from Grand Marias. Also tour Chippewa Falls, the national eagle center, and the famous Lark Toys Store. Register before July 5th by contacting Lutherans Outdoors, 605-274-5326.

WELCA BIBLE STUDY'S next meeting is July 20th, 2023, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Copies of the Bible study are available in the magazine rack inside the Ed. Unit if you do not receive the Gather Magazine. Please join us!

WELCA MEETING will be held on Thursday, July 20th after Bible Study, to discuss upcoming events. Please plan to attend. The WELCA meeting should start around 11:30. Hope to see you there. Thank you, Sandy H., WELCA Pres.

WHEN A YOKE MEANS FREEDOM Today's gospel reading contains iconic words from Jesus: "Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light (Matt. 11:28-30)." Jesus offers a yoke to tired listeners and tells them that a yoke will give them rest. The yoke as a means to rest was a strange idea for the disciples. A yoke as a means to rest ought to sound strange to us, as well. The early hearers of this biblical passage would have known a yoke to be a means of engaging the energy of oxen as heavy lifters in the enterprise of farming. Yokes are still employed in our world and they are still a burden and a way of harnessing animal's hard work, especially in places where people don't have access to the internal combustion engine. The first ancient readers or hearers of Matthew also viewed a yoke as a symbol of obedience to God's law and wisdom. Generally, our instinct is to resist yokes and laws, or at least not immediately connect them with the idea of freedom. Through the image of the yoke, however, Jesus invites us to think of God's law and wisdom as a means to surrender, give way, and accept something graceful and positive—rest, ease, lightness. Jesus reframes the idea of a yoke by telling us that a yoke will help us grow as disciples. The gospel links humility to freedom.

CHUCKLES

Jesus said, "Who do people say that I am?"

And his disciples answered and said, "Some say you are John the Baptist returned from the dead; others say Elijah, or one of the prophets.

And Jesus answered and said, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Logos, existing in the Father as His rationality and then, by an act of His will, being generated, in consideration of the various functions by which God is related to his creation, but only on the fact that Scripture speaks of a Father, and a Son, and a Holy Spirit, each member of the Trinity being coequal with every other member, and each acting inseparably with and interpenetrating every other member, with only an economic subordination within God, but causing no division which would make the substance no longer simple."

And Jesus answered and said, "What?"

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS: Jul 9th - Jul 16th 2023

Sunday 9

Worship

=>Coffee and Fellowship to Follow

Headrick Reunion 12:00-4:00

Hymn & Praise Song Sing Along 4:00

Monday 10

Office Open 8:00-4:30

Pastor in Office 9:00 -12:00

Tuesday 11

9:00 Tie Quilts

Wednesday 12

Office Open 8:00-4:30

Pastor in Office 2:00 -5:00

Council 7:00

Thursday 13

Pastor at JJ's 9:00 -12:00

Friday 14

Saturday 15

Sunday 16

Worship w/ Communion

=>Coffee and Fellowship to Follow

THANK YOU:

Greeters: Richard & Cindy Drennen

Pianist: Lori Kneebone

Song Leader: Lori Kneebone

Reader: Todd Sanderson

Coffee: Todd & Lisa Sanderson

Sound board: Beth Wesala & Allen Loehr

Last Week's Worship In-Person Attendance: 39

MORTGAGE BALANCE: As of 6/20/2023, the mortgage balance was \$12,373.43

THE BREADBASKET has a theme based suggestion list for every month. All regular food and monetary donations are still happily accepted.

July: Noodles, pasta, rice and dried potatoes.

If you are in need of food, bring your photo ID and official piece of mail. Open Thursdays from 1:30-5pm. Located at 202 E 2nd Ave. Flandreau. You can receive food once a month.

MOODY COUNTY CARES The Moody County Ministerial Association and Moody County Cares are working together along with the Breadbasket, Maynard's, and others to coordinate a response to the needs for food and other essentials by the people of Moody County. This effort will serve two groups of people: those who can't afford needed items such as food, soap, and laundry detergent, and those who can afford needed items but need to stay isolated for health reasons (seniors, immunocompromised, etc). You can Call, Text or Chat using 988 to contact the help center. You can also reach out to us on www.moodycountycares.com. *If you would like to volunteer please visit www.moodycountycares.com.*