

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Salt Shaker

You are welcome at Our Savior's, where we're all about
"connecting people to God, people to people, and people to mission."

Quarter 2 - Summer 2024

Our Savior's Friends and Family,

I recently came across a study on the benefits of spending time near a body of water. The sound, movement, and chemical make-up of water all work to bring about calm, focus, and refreshment to the body, mind, and spirit.

This may not come as a surprise to you, especially if you've fished on Devils Lake and found relaxation, or if you've meandered along a creek and found refreshment, or if you've stood on the shore listening to waves roll in and felt your heart rate slow.

I find it interesting that so much of Jesus' teaching, preaching, and healing took place around a very specific body of water: what we now call the Sea of Galilee. He fished from its waters, taught along its shoreline, and calmed its storms. Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, which flows from the Sea of Galilee, and invites us to a life cleansed, renewed, and transformed by water as well.

This summer, many of us head to the lake to be by and in water. As a worshipping community, we too will gather around the stories of Jesus' ministry at, on, and in the Sea of Galilee. In doing so, I hope we can find peace, refreshment, and transformation.

Please join us as we explore a "Summer at the Sea." And fair warning: you may get wet!

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Mon - Thur: 9:00am - 3pm
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+ scheduled evening events

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Website:

www.oursaviorsdevilslake.org



Facebook:



Celebrating the Mission We Share!



Holy Week, we celebrated first communion with 12 youth, visited a prayer garden, and concluded our "time to grow" series with an Easter Feast!



Our Rummage (and more) Sale brought in \$16,638.50, which unlocked an additional \$10k donation! It all goes to raising the sanctuary roof!

We closed out a good Faith Formation year with games, a cookout, and an (indoor) campfire service.



Worship

Summer

at the Sea

Summer 2024 Worship Series

Join us as we gather to hear the stories of Jesus' ministry that took place by, on, and in the Sea of Galilee.

June 9 - Splash

June 16 - Fish

June 23 - Boat

June 30 - Swim

July 7 - Sunbathe

July 14 - Picnic

S'MORE WORSHIP

JUNE 5 @ 7PM

JULY 10 @ 7PM

AUGUST 14 @ 7PM



GATHER AROUND THE CAMPFIRE FOR SONGS, STORIES, AND S'MORES . . .
BRING A CAMP CHAIR, ROASTING STICK, AND A FRIEND!

Worship at OSLC

Sundays at 10am
with Holy Communion on Sundays

June 9

July 14

August 11

Special Services

June 2

Video message delivered by
Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth

June 5

Campfire Worship @ 7pm

June 9

Special Sunday Campfire Service

June 30 & July 7

Guest Preachers

July 10

Campfire Worship @ 7pm

July 21

Service Sunday

July 28

Christmas in July

August 14

Campfire Worship @ 7pm

Events

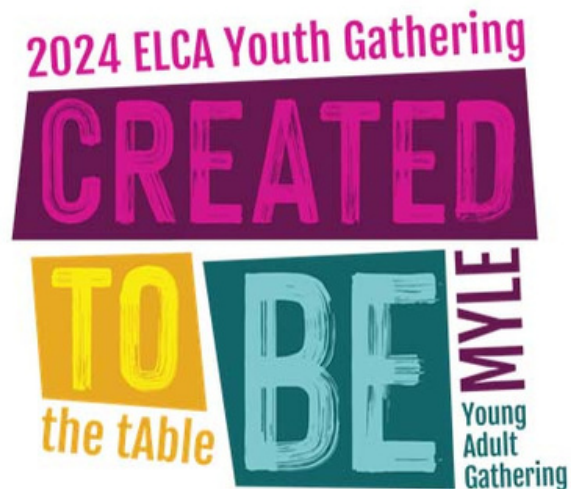


We're Heading to New Orleans for the NYG!

Five youth and two adults are going to the ELC National Youth Gathering this July! Please be in prayer for Pastor JoHanna Buchholz and Kari Kempel, as well as Abi Hogstad, Austin Kempel, Devin Kempel, Jadeyn Kempel, and Luke Wasness as they prepare for and participate in this transformative experience!

There are a couple of ways you can support us in this journey:

- Pray, pray, pray for a safe, fun, and faith-expanding experience!
- Donate to the cost of the trip. Each participant is expected to raise \$2,400. We are looking for 36 more donations, ranging from \$34 to \$95. Choose an envelope with the amount you'd like to give and return the donation, in the envelope, to the NYG box.
- Purchase a quilt square for the change to win one of four handmade quilts. Squares are \$10 each and the drawing will be held on June 9.
- Purchase battery chargers as part of our offering at the gathering. Each region will bring supplies to assemble a total 3,000 disaster preparedness kits. Our region is responsible for battery chargers. They can be purchased and sent directly to the gathering through the Amazon or Target wishlists. Visit www.elca.church/gathering/about/offering to learn more, or scan the QR code below:



VBS

Vacation Bible School is July 22 - 25, 9am - 3 pm at Ruger Park. Counselors from Red Willow and Park River will be leading us as we explore our theme "Created to Be!"

Volunteers are needed to make this fun week a success.

Please contact Carrie Moen if you'd like to help out!

Sign-up your K-6th grader through Flocknote:

<https://oursaviorslutherandl.flocknote.com/signup/166655>



"An Hour of Gospel Favorites"
with
RICK SINGER

Sunday June 9th 2024
4:00 pm. to 5:00 pm.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Devils Lake, ND

All are Welcome!!

A Free Will Offering
Will be Appreciated.

A portrait of Rick Singer, a man in a white shirt, standing in front of a large cross in a field under a bright sky.

Generosity

Ministry Fund

Our general, or operating fund, supports our regular expenses related to doing ministry together. This includes things like our lights and heat, music licenses and communion supplies, paper and management software, and wages for staff. These funds are separate from any designated funds.

As of the end of May, our undesignated offering was **\$60,307.12 of the budgeted \$78,080 for the same time frame.**

Roof Fund

Our goal has been to raise \$100k to meet the estimated cost of replacing the sanctuary roof.

As of the end of May our roof fund is **at \$94,051.97** and council is confident we can move forward with the project.

In recent weeks, workers have been doing final diagnostics before beginning the work of replacement. We look forward to blessing a new roof soon!

Memorials

Gift given in memory of:

Brianne Langton by
Chad and Karen Hunt
Kathy Loveseth
Scott & Darlene Brown

Love Fund

The love fund is used at the discretion of the pastor when a need is made known, such as a night of lodging for someone stranded, a tank of gas, or household items in addition to what is available at the Hope Center. The Love Fund currently sits at **\$134.96.**

from the Office

Thank you, Ed!

Ed Jager has faithfully served as our custodian for 23 years. Recently, health conditions have made it so that he can no longer carry on with the work. He has stepped aside from the custodial duties, and the property team members have stepped up to cover the necessary tasks. We are grateful for Ed and his dedication to keeping our church property clean and in working order. We plan to publicly express our gratitude to Ed sometime later this summer. In the meantime, we hope to see him around!

Thank you, Carrie!

Carrie Moen has served as our children's and youth ministry coordinator for three years. She plans to conclude her time in this role at the end of July. We are grateful for her passion for planning so many fun family events, her patient presence in Sunday and Wednesday School, as well as VBS, and her abundant love for children, youth, and this community! Again, a time to publicly express our gratitude to Carrie will be held later this summer.

Instant Church Directory

Our new pictorial directory is in the works! Those that have had their picture taken at church and have confirmed their contact information are being entered into directory. As additional names are added from previous databases, you will be able to access the directory through members.InstantChurchDirectory.com or mobile app. Please note, you will need a confirmed email address to do so. Printed copies will be available shortly. A donation to help off-set the cost of printing in-house would be much appreciated.

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Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



from the council

Council Meeting Summaries

A summary of discussion topics and action-items from recent council meetings are listed below. Full council meeting minutes are available for pick-up in the church office or at the welcome desk.

March 18, 2024: Motion made and carried to remove outgoing treasurer Rachel Lindstrom and add incoming treasurer Alex Fortney to the general checking account. Motion made and carried to remove outgoing council president Char Burthold and add incoming council president Sue Olson to the general checking account. Motion made and carried to add Chad Hunt to the general checking account as third signer. Motion made and carried to remove outgoing treasurer Rachel Lindstrom and outgoing president Char Burthold from the National Youth Gathering checking account and add incoming Treasurer Alex Fortney and adult leader Kari Kempel to the account.

April 15, 2024: Motion made and carried to accept bid made by Todd Lambrecht for mowing this season. Discussion on using Instant Photo Directory for new directory, need for streamlined janitorial closet space, website updates, and synod assembly delegates.

May 20, 2024: Motion made and carried for Pastor to be able to inquire the balance of church bank accounts. Motion made and carried for CD to move to building (roof) fund as 7 months is up. Motion made and carried that garage roof will be replaced by property team, using metal roofing for estimated \$1200. Motion made and carried for carpets to be professionally cleaned by East Dakota Steam Clean for estimated \$2662. Motion made and carried to accept bid from Lakeside Lock & Key to rekey church doors for \$500. Discussion on how we use space and listening to congregation and community for what are our current and future needs in order to do ministry. Discussion on sound system that has been fickle. Pastor will consult with Jeremy Eisenzimmer on a/v needs and recommendations. Motion made and carried for Sue Olson to apply for a grant through the Devils Lake Area Foundation for the purchase of two AED units.

OSLC Council

Sue Olson
President and
Hospitality Team Relator

Peter Foss
Vice President and
Stewardship Team Relator

Amber Lambrecht
Secretary and
Outreach Team Relator

Alex Fortney
Treasurer and
Faith Formation Team Relator

Chad Hunt
Property Team Relator

Linda Brusven
Congregational Care
Team Relator

We want to stay in touch!
We use Flocknote to send out informational text messages (cancellations, postponements, or last-minute changes, and announcements, for example), as well as an occasional greeting. To receive the messages, text **OURSAVIORLIVES** to **84576**.

To receive the weekly Salt Sprinkle (a shorter, timely email with announcements), please complete the subscribe form on our website, under the happenings tab:
www.oursaviorsdevilslake.org/subscribe.html

OR
contact the church office.

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