

The Sentinel

July 2025

*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is a dynamic community,
centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent-
to celebrate, serve and do justice.*

Redcurrant from our Community Garden

Building Beloved Community Day Camp – What a week!

Pastor Martha

We had a fantastic week at Building Beloved Community day camp. It was so fun to share a glimpse of the week with the congregation in worship last Sunday. Some highlights include:

- Elementary kids making their own stuffed animals
- Singing Bret Hesla's song "I will not be passive!" and Paul Damico-Carper's song "Give it Away" as we passed a T-shirt around the room to practice sharing with open hands – plus so many other great songs!
- Learning ASL all week with Janie, member at Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church
- Playing outdoor games with Jeanne Heer – she sure knows how to help kids have fun!
- Making a Building Beloved Community mural using a Dan Erlander image and adding to it throughout the week
- Middle school kids going on a service learning urban camino to Calvary Lutheran Church, George Floyd Square, and All Nations Indian Church
- Welcoming a 'special guest' each day – including a firefighter, a professional storyteller, a wacky scientist, and a carpenter (Sam Bardwell!) to help us dig into our theme and the different kinds of roles we can play to be builders of beloved community
- Learning the 6 Kingian Nonviolence principles in a fun rap version with motions
- Making 300 Unhoused Care Kits to give to unhoused neighbors
- Kids forming relationships with each other, youth, and adult leaders

Thanks so much to all of the OSLC adult volunteers who came and helped out – your presence made a huge difference in keeping camp safe, welcoming and fun for everyone. Thanks, too, to those of you who bought items for the unhoused care kits!

We Are the Builders – Original Day Camp Song from 2025

A highlight of Day Camp every year is writing an original song with Tim "Gus" Gustafson. Here's the song the kids wrote with Gus!

We Are The Builders

Chorus:

We are the builders, (Yes we are!)
we have the heart; (Yes we do!)

We are the builders, (Yes we are!)

we play our part. (Me and you!)

We are the builders, (Yes we are!)
we know the drill; (Yes we do!)

We are the builders, (Yes we are!)
we have the skills. (Me and you!)

We build better when we're together!
(We build better when we're together!)
(Air guitar or other instruments)

Verse 1:

We are Disruptors (Clap / clap)
Marching (Clap / clap)
Chanting (Clap / clap)
Holding signs
(Clap / clap) Shouting out
(Clap / clap) Standing up
(Clap / clap) Speaking truth
Hold the line
Together for a just community!
(Together for a just community!)
(Air guitar or other instruments)

Verse 2:

Frontline Responders (Clap / clap)
First aid (Clap / clap)
Safety nets (Clap / clap)
Mutual aid
(Clap / clap) Helping others
(Clap / clap) Finding food
(Clap / clap) Building homes
Don't be afraid

Build up love instead of hate!
(Build up love instead of hate!)
(Air guitar or other instruments)

Verse 3:

We're Storytellers (Clap / clap)
Voices (Clap / clap)
Speaking (Clap / clap)
Writing songs
(Clap / clap) Teaching
(Clap / clap) Sharing
(Clap / clap) Bringing joy
Righting wrongs
One small build can change the world!
(One small build can change the world!)
(Air guitar or other instruments)

Verse 4:

Experimenters (Clap / clap)
Scientists (Clap / clap)
Working in (Clap / clap)
Unity for
(Clap / clap) Justice
Clap / clap) Hope and
(Clap / clap) Safe community
Stop pollution and find solutions!
(Stop pollution and find solutions!)
(Air guitar or other instruments)

Wilderness Canoe Base, July's Mission of the Month

Linda Thorson

Our Saviour's has a special relationship with Wilderness Canoe Base that spans decades, and it's our Mission of the Month in July! This summer some members of Our Saviour's will participate in family camp. In the spring OSLC members volunteer to help clean and open the camp. Women from OSLC attend the Women's Wilderness Adventure in September. Take some time this month to learn about this place.

The impact of your gift

When you give to Wilderness Canoe Base, your gift supports Christ-centered camp experiences that change lives. Your gift of any amount will help accomplish the following:

Provide Opportunities for Campers

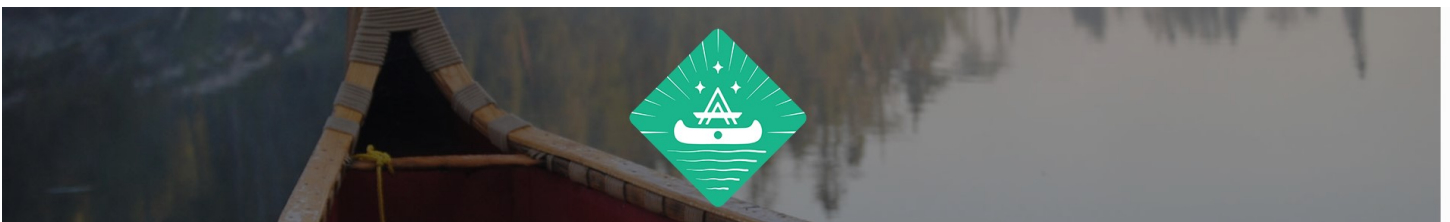
It has always been the policy that no one be denied the opportunity to come to camp because of their financial situation. Your gift helps support a robust campership program that provides scholarships to hundreds of campers each year.

Create Meaningful Experiences for Campers and Counselors

Camp changes lives! Your gift allows people to experience God in a different context. Living, learning, and playing in Christian community surrounded by God's beautiful creation provides a unique experience for people of all ages.

Provide a Sacred Space for Camp to Take Place

Your gift supports high quality programs, facilities and staff that provide a great setting for people to experience, grow in, and learn about God's great love for them. Your gift helps to provide everyone a safe place to experience that love! Wilderness is transforming lives and nurturing faith-filled leaders for tomorrow.



Join ISAIAH in rejecting authoritarianism and building a multiracial democracy

Harmon Abrahamson

Are you frustrated or angry about all of the upheaval in government lately? Feeling powerless to do anything about it? Well, stop yelling at the TV and attend an ISALAH “Power Protects” prophetic leadership formation workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to ground ourselves in the authoritarian crisis we are facing, what we want instead, and what we can do starting today to make a different future possible.

We will be discussing:

What is happening right now?

What it means for each of us

Authoritarian core values vs. our core values

Developing our own agenda for our city and state

Concrete actions we can take to build the power to make a different future possible.

At Our Saviour's we'll offer this workshop twice: on Wednesday evening, July 9, 7:00-8:30 pm, and on Sunday morning, July 13, 9:00-10:00 am, both times in the Hospitality Center. If you want more information, or to let us know you plan to attend, contact one of these members of the OSLC ISALAH core team: Harmon Abrahamson (701-775-4526), Ralph Baumgartner (651-260-0669), Joel Beard (202-669-8784), Javen Swanson (612-275-8902), David Scheie (612-232-2912), or Marki Wogstad-Hansen (612-369-7918).

Celebrating a Return to Chicago Avenue for the Our Saviour's Housing Emergency Shelter

Robin Stramp

4PM – 6PM on July 17th

2219 Chicago Avenue

Very soon, the Our Saviour's Housing Emergency Shelter will be returning to 2219 Chicago Avenue after significant renovations funded by a capital grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Join Our Saviour's Community Services from 4PM – 6PM on Thursday, July 17th to hear and *see some of what's new, and what's next!

*Tours of the facility are subject to availability. Safety equipment (hard hats and high-visibility vests) may be required to enter the facility and would be provided, if necessary.

For more information, please stay tuned to Our Saviour's Community Services communications or contact Robin Stramp at robin@oscs-mn.org or 612-843-3602. This event is open to the public.

Lost and Found

Nancy Nygaard Johnson

Do any of these items belong to you?



Stop at church to claim them. Let the office know so they can bring it inside the office with your name on it.



Directory Photos Needed!

We're finalizing our church directory and noticed we're still missing some photos. While the original deadline has passed, we'd love to include everyone — so we're extending the photo deadline to **July 15**.

Please email your photo to marcin@oursavioursmpls.org as soon as you can. Thank you for helping us complete this project!

Communion Bread Baking – FRIDAY July 11th

Nancy Nygaard Johnson

We will be baking communion bread on Friday July 11th from 9am to 11am in the kitchen. Note the change from our usual Saturday date for baking. Come and help bake bread!

Property Work Day – July 12th

Nancy Nygaard Johnson

Join the Property Committee for our Work Day on Saturday July 12th from 1pm to 3pm. The focus of this work day will be indoor work. We will do cleaning in the kitchen and the Sanctuary and may work on the storage closet in the Hospitality Center. Mark your calendar for August 2nd for our next Property work day from 9am to 11am.

That work day will focus on outdoor work. Many hands make light work!



Lutheran Night at Target Field – Thursday August 14th

Nancy Nygaard Johnson



Lutheran Night at Target Field will see the Minnesota Twins play the Detroit Tigers at 6:40pm on Thursday August 14th. Tickets are in section 225 and are \$26. Sign up at church or email me to sign up. Orders will need to be placed by **Sunday July 20th**. I have items to giveaway to those who attend – including a Carlos Correa jersey! There is an opportunity to sing the National Anthem with the Lutheran Night choir.

Questions – contact me at n2j2@comcast.net.

Items needed for refugee students

Julie Abrahamson

Augsburg University is preparing to welcome 4-6 refugee students this summer. Campus Pastor John Schwehn asked us to assemble needed items for them.

***THANKS** to those who have contributed items! So far no shampoo, deodorant or menstruation supplies have been brought. Consider adding these to your next shopping errand?*

Requested items for each kit:

- 1 Laundry basket
- 2 rolls of toilet paper
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 sponge
- 1 dish soap
- 2 garbage bags
- 1 shampoo
- 1 body wash
- 1 bar of soap
- 1 face wash
- 1 lotion
- 1 toothpaste
- 1 mouthwash
- deodorant
- menstruation supplies

Sunday school students will gladly assemble the items into kits. ***Look for the labeled box in the Narthex to add your contributions. I will be at church Sunday if you want to sign up to bring specific items.***

Thanks for helping to welcome the refugee students to Augsburg!

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OSLC Property Update – check out the blog!

Pastor Martha

We had a great property update conversation on June 8. I wrote up notes after that and went into greater depth on our progress over the last few months in the latest blog entry. Check out our blog here.:

<https://oursavioursmpls.org/about-us/news/property-reimagining-blog/>

Pastor Martha on Vacation, July 1- 12

I will be on vacation from July 1-12 with my family. I will be 'off grid' for part of that time. Pastor Esther will be around. Blessings to all!

OSLC Staff retreat – Tuesday, July 22

Pastor Martha

OSLC staff will be on retreat on Tuesday, July 22. We won't be in the office as usual on that day, but instead will be enjoying time off-site to connect, reflect and plan for the year ahead. Keep us in your prayers as we pray for you and listen for the Spirit's guidance.

Luther Crest Bible Camp – Be a Pen Pal for a Camper!

Camp is August 3 - 8

Pastor Martha

Several OSLC kids are heading to Luther Crest Bible Camp this summer. It's always fun to get mail while at camp! If you'd like to be a pen pal and send one letter (or more if desired) to a camper, please let Pastor Martha know.

OSLC Summer Read: *Healing Resistance: A Radically Different Response to Harm* by Kazu Haga

Discussions on August 13 and 20 at OSLC, 6-8pm

Pastor Martha

At the end of our Kingian Nonviolence training in May, we decided to offer a book study to participants – and we're extending the invite to everyone at OSLC!

This powerful book is written by Kazu Haga, a Kingian Nonviolence practitioner who was trained like your

pastors with Dr. Bernard Lafayette, Jr. back in 2009. He has taken the training into prisons and many other contexts, and he is a founder of the East Point Peace Academy in Oakland, CA (the nonviolent foil to West Point). This book walks through a lot of the Kingian Nonviolence training – including the principles and steps that are drawn directly from Dr. King’s writings and life. The book is full of great stories and reflections on what it means to commit to nonviolence as a way of life.

If you’d like church to order you a copy, please contact Pastor Martha by July 14. Or, you can get your own copy at a local bookstore or library.

We have set two discussion days at OSLC – Wednesday, August 13 and Wednesday, August 20 from 6-8pm at OSLC. We will discuss Parts 1 and 2 on August 13, and Part 3 on August 20. If you can only come to one, that’s just fine. If you need a virtual conversation, please let Pastor Martha know and we can set up a virtual option.



Christ in Our Home Devotional Available

Nancy Johnson

Pick up the July-September Christ in Our Home devotional at church in the Narthex.

If you aren't able to pick one up at church, and would like one, contact Nancy at n2j2@comcast.net or contact the church office with your name.

Praying in the Spirit: Nurturing Children in Three Communities, One Neighborhood Shared Event on Pentecost Sunday-June 7, 2025 — Pastor Esther Sianipar & Sarah Lindley

The Spirit is alive!

On a bright, joyfilled Pentecost morning, Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church (OSLC) welcomed friends from San Pablo/St Paul Lutheran (SPLC), and neighbors from the Phillips community in Minneapolis, MN for our first shared event under the Lilly Endowment initiative, *Praying in the Spirit: Nurturing Children in Three Communities, One Neighborhood*. More than thirty children—accompanied by parents and caregivers—gathered to discover how the Holy Spirit still sets hearts ablaze.

We rejoice that Pentecost did not end at sunset. The Spirit continues to kindle courageous, creative prayers in our children, families, and whole neighborhood.

Together we will keep discovering new languages of faith—fluent in love, justice, and joy—until every child knows they are Beloved, Called, and Sent.

The event began with instrument building and collaborative pizza-making in our church's backyard oven. We then moved to the sanctuary for community prayer, song and storytelling before transitioning back outdoors to

engage in a variety of embodied prayer stations. Stations included:

Prayer Station	Faith Focus	Experience
Bubbles	God receives our prayers! The Holy Spirit is all around us!	Children joyfully engaged in creating bubbles using various toys and tools. As they watched the bubbles float in the sky around them, they were prompted to imagine their prayers being lifted up to God and to experience the Holy Spirit among us.
Pizza-Oven Love	We are the hands of Christ	Children shaped and baked pizzas. They used their hands to roll dough, spread sauce, and add toppings. Their pizzas were fired, sliced and added to the communal table/their hands acting as the hands of Christ to provide nourishment and delight to others. Families roasted marshmallows and sang a bilingual S'mores Song (English & Spanish).
S'mores	God is S'more!	<i>"God Creator goes behind us and before...love of Jesus is the sweetest treat for sure. Holy Spirit is the glue, that's connecting me to you Oh, isn't it the sweetest? God is S'more!"</i>
Pentecost Storytelling	The Spirit speaks every language	Using Godly Play storytelling structure, children entered the wonder of the mystery of the Pentecost.
Face-Painting	Imago Dei — every face a canvas of God's artistry	Butterflies, flames, and rainbows proclaimed the beauty of diversity.
Collaborative Mural	We are living bodies, building God's world	Young artists painted God's world in their eyes and the mural will be hang in OSLC sanctuary for prayer around the cross.
Drumming Circle and Instrument Egg Shaker Making	"Make a joyful noise!" (Ps 100)	A local musician led children and families in collaborative drumming. Heartbeat, rhythms and laughter echoed the Spirit, wind and fire.
Floating Lantern Creation	The Holy Spirit's flame lights our way and calls us to carry that light into the world.	Children used recycled materials to create a floating lantern, and tested their vessels to see if they'd bear the weight of a burning tea light.

Summer Take-Home: Embodied Prayer

Each family received a "Spirit-to-Go" card-set with simple practices:

- **Bubbles of Blessing** — pray aloud as each bubble rises and bursts.
- **Art as the Creation story** – paint or draw what God's image might look like.
- **Song is prayer!** — sing a familiar church song or your favorite song and be presence in God!
- **Fire and Water** — recall the day's sparks of joy while roasting marshmallows at your home and feel God's love washing over you as you play water this summer.

Hello Hospitality TEAMS

Jeanne Heer

Every OSLC member is on the big hospitality team and assigned to a month to help out. This could include ushering, bringing or buying treats, making coffee, setting up, serving, cleaning up or contributing by simply cheering on the teams.

Use your last name to determine your team. (Families with different last names may choose one team).

Below are the teams, team leaders, and the months that are covered.

FIRST Letter of last name	Team Leaders	DATES
A - B	Joel Beard & Tammy Boyd	Jul. 2025
C - G	Dave Comstock & Jeanne Heer	Aug. 2025
H - K	Craig Johnson & Laura Kehrberg	Sept. 2025
L - R	Sarah Lindley & Eric Molho	Oct. 2025
S - Z	Paula Keller & Lucy Selander	Nov. 2025

When your team leader contacts you to help please say ‘YES’ if you’re able. Or contact your team leader and offer to help. All are welcome to help other months as well. We are really one big TEAM.

Use the QR Code to go to the signup Genius for July for team A-B. Everyone is welcome to help out.



Nuclear abolition more important than ever

Amy Blumenshine

The call to be peacemakers reverberates with every news cycle these days. I am among those outraged by my tax funds being used for indiscriminate death and destruction. We will never know who was obliterated by the reported fourteen 30,000 pound bombs and thirty Tomahawk missiles the US government just exploded on Iran, on the other side of the planet. The callous disregard for those life consequences injures us all morally.

[***https://www.icanw.org/us_bombs_iranian_nuclear_facilities_in_illegal_and_dangerous_escalation***](https://www.icanw.org/us_bombs_iranian_nuclear_facilities_in_illegal_and_dangerous_escalation)

The recent ultimatum given in the name of Americans, “Do what I say, or I’ll kill you,” sounds like the “offer you can’t refuse” of a mafia, organized crime, boss. And increasingly—apocalyptically—the veil is coming off from war, revealing its intent of armed robbery: “Grab the oil. Grab the rare earth minerals.” And make no mistake, members of criminal gangs tend to exploit and turn on each other; that is the nature of “Me first.” Nobody is secure in such a system. Our community of faith guides us as we seek to channel our outrage energy into nonviolent constructive action. May this be the apocalypse, the unveiling, that shifts us away from soul-stripping planetary destruction. Imagine with me a world in which the people recognize our common cause in cooperatively constructing sustainable ways of life, while respecting our religious and cultural differences.

Sadly, we need to critique those who claim to share our Abrahamic faith traditions while violating essential values. Apparently, some political leaders hold up cherry-picked Biblical phrases (“Those who bless Israel will be blessed”) to justify supporting the current government of the current land identified as Israel in killing its neighbors. The US treatment of Israel as exceptional to international rules is evident related to nuclear weapons (among many other ways.) Enforcing non-proliferation of nuclear weapons is the excuse given for the recent bombing of Iran, and the destruction of Iraq (How did that go?)

Israel has nuclear weapons but is not a party to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and has never allowed the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to inspect their facilities. In contrast, Iran does not have nuclear weapons but has had more IAEA inspections than any other country.

The NPT actually forbids members, like the US, from supporting countries that develop nuclear weapons but do not belong. The US has given massive aid to Israel politically and financially (the most of any foreign country) while never admitting Israel has nuclear weapons.

It is immoral and insane to shift national treasure (needed for so many good purposes) into developing weapons of mass destruction (which can never be exploded without triggering planetary destruction) all the while contaminating mining, production, and waste sites which will cause suffering and death throughout the biological world for eons. And the risk of unintentional triggering of a nuclear exchange also expands.

Meanwhile, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons provides a realistic framework for eliminating the threat and the insanity. The American civil sector must show the rest of the world that we support the TPNW.

Contact your federal representatives in support of a current bill, H.R. 1888, which directs the United States to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and convert nuclear weapons industry resources and personnel to purposes relating to addressing the climate crisis, and for other purposes.

[***https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1888/text***](https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1888/text) Rep. Ilhan Omar is the only member of the MN delegation who has co-sponsored the bill.

Early August marks 80 years since the US started the nuclear arms threat. Times up for us to stop it!

[***https://www.stpaulnagasaki.org/hiroshima-nagasaki-commemoration-events***](https://www.stpaulnagasaki.org/hiroshima-nagasaki-commemoration-events)

Other actions:

Here’s the ELCA resource to call your senators to oppose the bad Budget bill:

[***https://give.elca.org/page/84791/call/1?chain***](https://give.elca.org/page/84791/call/1?chain)

Here’s a No War with Iran sign to print and display, courtesy of the American Friends Service Committee.

[***https://afsc.org/sites/default/files/2025-06/2025-no-war-with-iran-poster.pdf***](https://afsc.org/sites/default/files/2025-06/2025-no-war-with-iran-poster.pdf)

Lectionary Text for Home Devotions

July 6

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 13

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 20

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 27

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

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July at Our Saviour's

Tuesday, July 1	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
	July 1 –12 Pastor Martha is out of office	
Wednesday, July 2	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the bus stop (DABS)
	10:15am	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
Sunday, July 6	10am	Hospitality
	10:30am	Worship in Sanctuary and Online
Tuesday, July 8	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, July 9	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the bus stop (DABS)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
Friday, July 11	9Am-11am	Communion Bread Baking
Saturday, July 12	9am-12am	Quilting (HC)
	1pm-3pm	Property Work Day
Sunday, July 13	10am	Hospitality
	10:30am	Worship in Sanctuary and Online
Tuesday, July 15	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, July 16	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the bus stop (DABS)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
Thursday, July 17	4pm-6pm	Shelter Ribbon Cutting
Sunday, July 20	10am	Hospitality
	10:30am	Worship in Sanctuary and Online
Tuesday, July 22	10am-4pm	Staff Retreat
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, July 23	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the bus stop (DABS)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
Saturday, July 26	9am-12am	Quilting (HC)
Sunday, July 27	10am	Hospitality
	10:30am	Worship in Sanctuary and Online
Tuesday, July 29	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, July 30	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the bus stop (DABS)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom



Dorothy Bass, awaiting surgery for a broken leg. Prayers for healing and comfort.

Celebration of our LGBTQIA+ siblings that they find the restoration of a community, justice and equity in this divided world.

Peace and justice in Israel and Palestine, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan, Indonesia, the United States, and around the world. May the global economy be reconciled with the needs of people.

Zoebon Daidli, is now home and recovering! Praise God! He continues to appreciate prayers from everyone.

Bruce, husband of Glenda Elder, is doing well from his heart condition. Glenda, who recently had a fall, will have some follow up tests. Pray for strength and healing.

Undocumented adult immigrants in Minnesota who have just lost access to full health coverage and essential services through MNCare, that they may be guided to alternative sources of care for their physical and overall well-being.

Ria Sianipar, Pastor Esther's mother had a fall and tore a ligament on her right cast has been placed on her arm, and it will take about 2–3 months before it can be removed. She is feeling discomfort from the cast. She also has to return for more physiotherapy for her left fingers because they are still numb from the past surgery.

Roy Rood, currently undergoing radiation treatment for his cancer in Arizona.

Ray Sandon, Bruce Pederson's son-in-law's brother, in treatment for alcohol use disorder.

Dave Hawkinson, a friend of Cindy Deveraux, suffered multiple fractures in a car accident and is currently in assisted living for his recovery. Pray for a full recovery.

Those who have lost their jobs due to executive administrative decisions. May they find strength, hope, and confidence as they seek new opportunities.

Sharon Thompson is doing well and still living with her daughter and her family in New Brighton.

Ray Makeever is healing well from his bike accident, though his mobility remains limited and progress is slow.

Elizabeth, daughter of Lucy Selander, is in treatment. Please keep Elizabeth, Lucy, and their family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Mulki, daughter of our quilting neighbor Kadrah, is dealing with a genetic skin condition for which there is still no cure. Pray for strength and healing.

Julie and her daughter Eliana, friends of Rebekah Fergus recovering after a successful kidney transplant.

Gene, father of Kara Lattu, is undergoing radiation treatment for recurring prostate cancer. Please hold Gene and Kara's family in your prayers.

For our members working in government during these challenging times: Deb Swenson-Klatt, Tal Anderson, Nate Blumenshine, Darcia Dierking, Ken Lewis (in county government), those working in city governments, and our teachers and school administrators. Also pray for federal employees, especially those in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion roles, which are being dismantled—along with the vulnerable children, families, and communities they serve.

Those experiencing mental illness, isolation, and anxiety especially for Mateo Baumgartner, son of Ralph, struggling with mental illness.

Hawah Borbor is on medicine treatment for her knee and if the treatment is not improving, she will have a knee replacement in September.

Joy McDonald Coltvet has breast cancer. Pray for effective treatment.

Carolyn Green is recovering from chemotherapy and prays to remain cancer-free following her recent ovarian cancer diagnosis.

Noah, son of Bruce Pederson, is experiencing vasculitis and is responding well to cancer treatment.

Erica Larson, a dear friend of Tal Anderson and a colleague of Pastors Martha and Esther in the synod, has been diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer.

Julia Klatt Singer, sister of Dan Swenson-Klatt, is recovering after a hit-and-run accident. Please also pray for the driver involved.

Jim, uncle of Sophia Stout, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Martha and Faye Farchat, cousins of Cindy Devereaux, who live in Beirut, Lebanon—especially their son Omar, an ER doctor who says the devastation is beyond imagination. Pray for healing, peace, and protection.

Mary Thurow is struggling with scleroderma and liver disease.

Pastor Matias Bonilla in El Salvador is experiencing respiratory challenges.

Carmen Borgen, sister-in-law of Lynn Borgen, is fighting cancer.

Carmen Wesch, a friend of Lynn and Mary Borgen, is going through major medical challenges.

Anton Moore is recovering from surgery.

Deanna Thompson, mother of Linnea, is undergoing a new treatment for the recurrence of breast cancer.

Our homeless neighbors, especially the Nenookaasi residents, as they seek stable housing.

International students whose visas have been revoked, for the safety and justice of prisoners detained in El Salvador, Sudan and elsewhere, and for immigrant families living in fear — may they find protection, support, and hope in the face of uncertainty and hardship.

