

# The Sentinel

August 2025

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



# Sunflowers and Prayer

**Pastor Martha**

I love sunflowers. These beautiful giants amaze me with their ability to grow from a small seed into basically a tree in just a couple of months. The bees and the goldfinches delight in the abundance these beauties bring. I am grateful for Kristie Hennig loaning me her beautiful sunflower stole, which I love to wear this time of year!

Last week in our gospel text, we read about how Jesus taught his disciples to pray. Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes, a retired Methodist pastor in Maine, sends out a daily prayer email that I often use as part of my daily prayer practice. Last week, he sent out several of his creative paraphrases of the Prayer of Jesus. Here is one titled “Sunflowers.” May this prayer bless you today!

## Sunflowers

*Loving womb of us all  
at the heart of all being,  
we your sunflowers turn always to you.  
Your hope unfurls among us,  
a dream we can't imagine but can be.  
Each breath is you.  
You are in this present moment;  
you free us to be in this present moment,  
and to free others.  
Transform our desires into love alone.  
Guide us free of the power of fear.  
Amazing: this universe, and all its energies, and all its beauty  
are yours, who are infinite, yet here.  
May we be so mindful always.  
Amen.*





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# **Luther Crest Bible Camp – Be a Pen Pal for a Camper**

## **Camp is August 3 - 8**

***Pastor Martha***

We have 30 OSLC folks heading out to Luther Crest Bible Camp for the week of August 3 - 8. Most are children and youth! If you'd like to send mail to a camper with a prayer, blessing, or well-wishes, that would be a lovely day-brightener.

Here are the kids and youth going:

**Thomas, Zoey and Sadie Lindley**

**Beda and Lydia Hall**

**Lydia and Mira Rohde Schwehn**

**Harvey, Clara, and Abby Ries**

**Henry Heaton**

**Naomi and Will Bardwell**

**Margaret and Ian Libby**

**Ziggy Smith**

You can send mail to campers at this address:

Camper's Name

**Luther Crest Bible Camp**

**8231 County Road 11 NE**

**Alexandria, MN 56308**



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## Mission of the Month: Hope House

***Kristie Hennig***

Casa Esperanza – “Hope House” – is a ministry of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church, providing basic care to the unsheltered of San Salvador. For over 25 years this Ministry of Love & Solidarity has been a welcoming place for men, women, and families to socialize, share a hot meal, wash themselves and their clothing, receive basic first aid, and participate in substance abuse recovery.

Current funding of \$1500/month enables Pastora Emely Chavez and her volunteers to provide meals and community to 30-50 street folks four days per week. Life on the street in San Salvador is precarious. Some sleep outside. Others – including some of the students in the Seeds of Hope school sponsorship program -- couch hop.

Many of the men who drop in at Hope House are deportees, returned to their country of origin when they were picked up by immigration officials in the United States. Some don't even speak Spanish -- even though they were born in El Salvador. Most don't have any family who might help them get on their feet.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church has long served the unhoused via Our Saviour's Housing. Hope House's current search for stable funding gives the OSLC community the opportunity to extend similar care to some of the most vulnerable on the streets of El Salvador's capital.

Hope House has been added to Outreach Table's Mission of the Month for August. Please consider giving to help Hope House secure their funding – and assure many of the unhoused in El Salvador's capital city the care Jesus asks Christians to provide to our neighbors in need.

Gracias,

Kristie Hennig



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## August 2<sup>nd</sup> Property Work Day **Canceled**

***Nancy Nygaard Johnson***

The Property work day scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup> has been canceled. Watch the weekly updates during August for work days at the LVC House as we prepare the house for the new residents coming in September.



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## Confirmation Dinner with Parents

***Pastor Esther***

Do you have a young person in 6th–8th grade who is interested in exploring Confirmation—the affirmation of their baptism? Parents and guardians are invited to a dinner and conversation at Our Saviour’s on Thursday, August 21 at 6:30 PM. We’ll talk through the schedule, curriculum, and what to expect as we prepare for the start of Confirmation class in Fall 2025.

Please contact Pastor Esther if you plan to attend. We look forward to sharing a meal and walking this meaningful journey together!

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## Praying in the Spirit: Nurturing Children in Three Communities, One Neighborhood — UPDATES!

***Pastor Esther and Sarah Lindley***

Our Program Team - We now have a full program team at Our Saviour’s! We’re thrilled to welcome Kent Goodroad and Alyssa Schwitzer, who bring incredible energy, enthusiasm, and deep love for children, youth, and families to be part of the grant. On July 21, Sarah, Kent, Alyssa, and I met for the first time as a team. We reflected on how we will care for one another, collaborate intentionally, shape our vision for the grant, and honor our partnerships with churches that may differ from us. We’re excited to stay connected with our cohort team and leaders across all three congregations and will help build agendas and guided activities for the cohort gatherings.

6/29 – Pre-Assessment Meeting with Raj and the OSLC Cohort Team - In our conversation with Raj, we reflected on key values in faith formation with children, including the power of music, active participation in worship, and cultivating a culture of radical welcome. Children are deeply engaged through communion, storytelling, seasonal rituals, and service projects like care bags for unhoused neighbors. We also discussed the importance of creating inclusive environments for neurodivergent children and adults. Looking ahead, shared activities among OSLC, All Nations, and San Pablo—such as bilingual worship, sacred site visits, and Las Posadas—will foster connection and hospitality beyond each congregation. More updates will follow the October 4 cohort retreat, where Raj will share final findings and recommendations from all three churches.

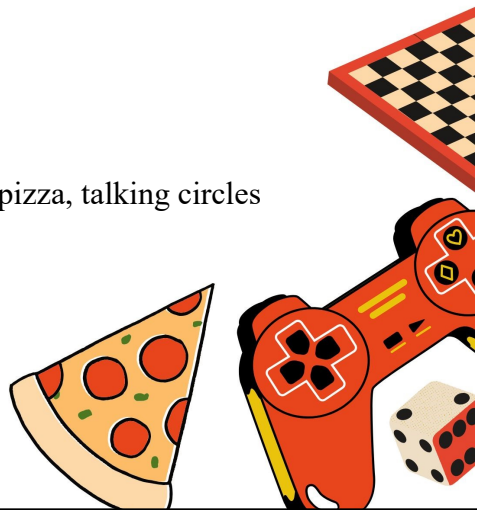
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## Youth Gathering

***Patrick Herson, Scottie Osthus and Pastor Esther***

The next youth event will be on Wednesday August 6th at 6PM for some pizza, talking circles and games at Patrick Herson’s house. Come if you are able!  
We love to see you!

More information, please connect with Patrick  
at [patrick.herson@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.herson@gmail.com) or Scottie Osthus  
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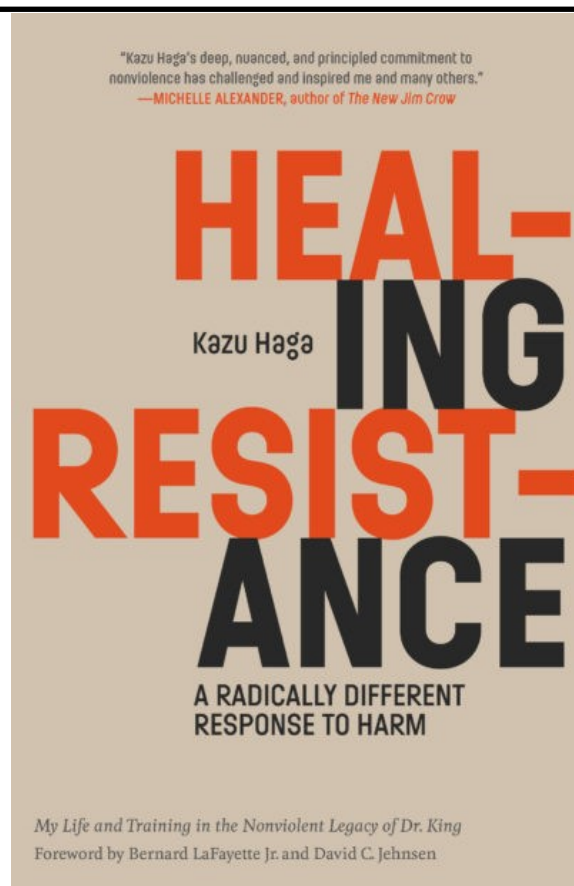
## **OSLC Summer Read: *Healing Resistance: A Radically Different Response to Harm* by Kazu Haga**

**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 invitation 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.



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.

## **Summer Community Meal – Wednesday, August 20, 5:30-6:30PM *Pastor Martha***

We have a summer community meal coming up!  
Chef Marcin will be in the kitchen cooking up a delicious vegetarian meal for us.

Dinner is served at 5:30. Hope to see you there!





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## 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 **August 15**.

Please email your photo to [marcin@oursavioursmpls.org](mailto:marcin@oursavioursmpls.org) as soon as you can. Thank you for helping us complete this project!

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## Sign Up for the Dakota Sacred Sites Tour – Space is Limited!

**Pastor Esther**

You are invited to join All Nations Indian Church, St. Paul's and Trinity Lutheran Churches of Gaylord, Christ the King of Mankato, and Gustavus Adolphus College for the Dakota Sacred Sites Tour on Saturday, August 23rd, from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

We will need to arrive at Gustavus Adolphus College by 8:30 AM. The cost is \$10 per person, but the church has a budget to cover this expense.

If you are interested, please let me know so I can include your name.

You can email me at [esther@oursavioursmpls.org](mailto:esther@oursavioursmpls.org). I will register with all of us together in one registration!

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## Shared Bilingual Worship – Sunday, August 24

**Pastor Esther**

Mark your calendars! Our shared bilingual worship gathering with All Nations Indian Church, Augustana Lutheran, Messiah Lutheran, San Pablo–St. Paul's Lutheran, and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church will take place on Sunday, August 24, at 10:00 or 10:30 AM (final time to be confirmed).

Please note that this year, worship will not be held at Peavey Park as in previous years. Instead, we are planning to gather at San Pablo–St. Paul's Lutheran Church, with respect and care for the safety of San Pablo's immigrant and undocumented members. We will have time of fellowship and lunch following the service!

More details will be shared as we get closer to the date. Stay tuned!

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## Women's Wilderness Adventure, September 4-7, 2025

**at Wilderness Canoe Base on the Gunflint Trail  
near Grand Marais Minnesota**

**Linda Thorson**

Join us for our longest-standing retreat, where we will celebrate our 2025 theme "Spirit of Creation." Tap into the spirit of creation, whether it is interacting with nature, seeking moments of solitude or participating in a creative activity. Experience the beauty and tranquility of the Boundary Waters while connecting with other

adventurous women in a serene and inspiring environment. This group of women explores, creates, and socializes together, and spends significant time enjoying the company of one another throughout the weekend. Whether you have been to Wilderness Canoe Base many times or never at all, this is a great opportunity to join an incredible community of wilderness women!

Canoe trips are available, too.

More information and registration here: <https://lakewapo.org/programs/womens-wilderness-adventure>

If you have questions, contact Jeanne in the Wilderness office at [jeanneh@campwapo.org](mailto:jeanneh@campwapo.org)

## **OSLC Property Update – Roof replacement coming this month! And more...**

*Pastor Martha*



Things keep moving forward with our property. If you feel a little lost with it, check out our blog for past updates here: <https://oslcproperty.weebly.com/>. Your prayers are ALWAYS welcome – please do add this entire project to your regular prayers, that the Spirit might continue to lead and guide us.

Here are a few updates on our property work:

**New Roof** – coming August 25ish - As approved by Church council, we are moving forward with getting a new roof. The construction process will likely begin the week of August 25. We'll keep the congregation updated on if there are disruptions to the building while the roof is going up; we anticipate disruptions to be minimal, likely related to alley parking.

**Solar is coming, too** - We had a great congregational meeting on July 20 to vote on a couple of matters, including a lease for the roof that allows Solar By Us to operate a solar array on our roof. Our vision of having solar is coming true after years of work and prayer. Hallelujah! The solar will be installed after the roof install, this fall.

**Doors** – Jim Johnson is faithfully working on getting door closers for our sanctuary and hospitality center doors to stop the slamming and the floating open issues we're having.

**Capital Campaign Feasibility Study continues** – Our feasibility study team (me, Mike Huffman, Mike Troutman, Jim Unglaube, Javen Swanson, Robin Stramp, David Scheie, Nick Smith) are conducting feasibility study conversations about our upcoming capital campaign – with congregation members, OSCS donors, community influencers, foundations, and others. At the end of August and September, we will integrate our



findings and continue to prepare for a capital campaign.

Indigenous Protector Movement – Great Cookout, MOU about to be signed – We had a wonderful cookout with IPM leaders, OSCS staff, and OSLC members at the end of June. It was precious relationship-building time, and we hope to do similar events in the future. By the end of August, we will have signed the MOU that OSLC Council, OSCS Board, and IPM Board have worked on and approved so that we are on a clear shared path for a land transfer to IPM for October 2026. We hope to have more celebration around the signing of the legal agreement that will follow the MOU.

OSCS and VOA submitted MHFA application July 10 – OSCS and Volunteers of America, who would be co-developers of a future 6-story building on Chicago Ave, submitted an application to Minnesota Housing (MHFA) to fund the permanent supportive housing component of the building. We learn in mid-December if OSCS and VOA receive an award.

Celebrating the Shelter Re-opening! - What a fantastic shelter re-opening celebration on July 17! It was great to see many of you there. The new shelter is beautiful, with dignified private spaces for residents and wonderful office space for staff. The shelter can now accommodate 38 individuals, up from 21 previously.

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## **OSLC Budget Update**

***Tal Anderson, Treasurer***

Half-way through the calendar year, it's a great time for an update on the congregational budget.

Currently, we are running a slight deficit for the year so far. Overall expenses are running 4% lower than budgeted, but are higher in some areas – including some property-related items.

On the revenue side, pledged offerings are running about 10% lower than budgeted, which is about the same percentage we are running behind 2024. Overall, revenue is about 5% lower than budgeted.

With expenses expected to increase in the second half of the year, households are encouraged to examine their own pledges for the rest of the year so that we can end the year with a balanced budget.

It's an exciting time at Our Saviour's with the property project and other initiatives moving forward – and strong support from members and friends of the congregation allows this work to happen.

Let me know if you have any questions about the congregational budget, or need to get additional information about your own giving in 2025.

Thank you for your commitment to Our Saviour's.

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## **Away with Luther Crest next week**

***Pastor Martha***

After worship on August 3, I will go with our 30 OSLC members to Luther Crest Bible Camp for the week. I am serving as a "Magi." I'm not sure what that means yet, but I'm excited to be present for the fullness of camp life. The Luther Crest crew will lead worship and share our experiences on August 17.

# Friendship After Devastation

**Amy Blumenshine**

Friendship After Devastation is the apt title of an upcoming event celebrating the St. Paul/Nagasaki Sister City relationship. In these unprecedented political times, I continue to hope for the break from convention that would lead to the US joining the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). As the first country to use atomic weapons, it's appropriate for us to be the first atomic power to sign up for the ratification process. (By the way, the US has long been party to a treaty that commits us -along with other atomic powers- to eliminating the weapons. The TPNW, however, includes action steps and a verifiable process, and already has the force of law in many countries.)

The St. Paul/Nagasaki Sister City group will again be commemorating the 1945 atomic bombings the first week of August. This is also the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding and there are several other special activities.

The Kids' Guernica Project brings a physical piece of art begun by children in Nagasaki to be completed by American youth. Two free public workshops, both 4 - 8 pm, invite children's participation. Monday, August 4, features a talk about peace while also drafting the design on paper. Wednesday, August 6, will be the painting day. Pizza will be provided both nights at the Cha Ami Japanese Cultural Center, 2855 Anthony Lane South, Suite B5, St. Anthony, MN. Register to participate at [spnsc@gmail.com](mailto:spnsc@gmail.com)

The completed mural begins its showings at the Nagasaki bombing commemoration, Friday August 8, at the Como Park Peace labyrinth (across from the Pavilion), continues to many of the other August events listed below, and then returns to Nagasaki where it will be on display.

The original Guernica artwork by Pablo Picasso portrayed the horror of the aerial bombing of Guernica, Spain in 1937. As history's first aerial saturation bombing, its indiscriminate massacre of humans and animals was considered incredibly deviant, callous, and cruel. Picasso decried the "military caste" in his country who had caused this "ocean of pain and death." How could humans do this to others?!

Nelson Rockefeller later commissioned a tapestry copy of Picasso's painting which was displayed prominently at the UN to prevent war. That tapestry was, however, infamously covered up during the US press conferences promoting the war against Iraq. All of that should prompt our reckoning with the moral slide of our developed countries – how we've descended from decrying the pain and horror of such abuse of power to amplifying it thoughtlessly. Costa Rica stands as an exception, of course, in having eliminated their military in 1948.

The current US "modernization" of our nuclear weapons is spurring a worldwide nuclear arms race. Not only is the US shifting massive public treasure to the effort, but simultaneously threatening other countries, including neighbors and long-term allies. How will future generations judge these accelerations toward both nuclear and climate catastrophe?

Yet in the midst of this insanity, we remember our commitment to neighbor love and work for peace. The following events are additional opportunities to join with other kindred spirits in reinforcing our shared humanity.

[Commemorative Tea Ceremony](#) **Monday, August 5 at 6:30 pm at the Lyndale Park Peace Garden, Minneapolis**

[Ceremony of the Cranes: Hiroshima Commemoration](#) **Tuesday, August 6 at 7:30 am at the Lyndale Park Peace Garden**

[Nagasaki Commemoration](#) **Thursday, August 8 at 7 pm at the Global Harmony Labyrinth, Como Park, St. Paul**

[Obon Festival at Como Park](#), 3:00pm – 9:00pm on Sunday, August 17 (Purchase tickets in advance only)

Nagasaki [Mayor Suzuki visits St. Paul with official delegation](#) August 21-25.

"Friendship After Devastation: St. Paul and Nagasaki Sister City Relationship, Saturday, August 23, from 10 am -12pm at the Minnesota Historical Center. Free. Visiting Nagasaki youth with add their reflections with that of their mayor.



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# 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).

FIRST Letter of last name	Team Leaders	DATES
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
A - Z	All Teams	Dec. 2025

In addition Pastor Esther and Pastor Martha would like you to keep in mind the following to be welcoming: "Sometimes we'll have newcomers, elders, youth, or children with special needs who may ask for something different than what's currently being offered. When this happens, let's respond with love, flexibility, and care and do our best to meet these needs—reflecting God's abundance and hospitality in all we do."

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



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## A Safety Reminder for Our Congregation

We want to let you know that one of ELC's volunteer teachers had her Hyundai Tucson stolen in broad daylight on Wednesday, July 30. Witnesses were present and able to film the theft, but the thieves did not care that they were being recorded and even implied they had a gun. Thankfully, no one was harmed. Please let this serve as a serious reminder for all of us:

- Never leave personal belongings in your car, even for a short time.
- Never leave your keys in your vehicle.
- Whenever possible, please park in the Hope Academy ramp.
- If you witness suspicious activity or a theft in progress, do not approach or confront the individuals. Call 911 immediately — your safety is the top priority.

Let's continue to look out for one another and do our part to help keep our community safe.

Thank you for your care and vigilance.



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## 150th Anniversary Cookbook Correction

***Nancy Nygaard Johnson***

If you have a copy of our 150th Anniversary Cookbook, please make this update. On page 117, for the Go Anywhere Rhubarb Squares, the size of the pan should be 11x7, NOT 11x17.

These are a favorite of the OSLC choir. If you don't have a copy of the cookbook, we still have some available. Let me know if you'd like one – [n2j2@comcast.net](mailto:n2j2@comcast.net) or talk to me at church.



## Lectionary Texts for Home Devotions

### August 3

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23  
Psalm 49:1-12  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

### August 10

Genesis 15:1-6  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

### August 17

Jeremiah 23:23-29  
Psalm 82  
Hebrews 11:29—12:2  
Luke 12:49-56

### August 24

Isaiah 58:9b-14  
Psalm 103:1-8  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17

### August 31

Proverbs 25:6-7a  
Sirach 10:12-18 (alternate)  
Psalm 112  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

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## August at Our Saviour's

Sunday, August 3	10am	Hospitality
	10:30am	<b>Worship in Sanctuary and Online</b>
Tuesday, August 5	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, August 6	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the bus stop (DABS)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
	6:30pm	Youth Gathering (at Patrick Herson's)
Saturday, August 9	9am-12am	Quilting (HC)
Sunday, August 10	9:00am-10:00am	Council Meeting (CR)
	10am	Hospitality
	10:30am	<b>Worship in Sanctuary and Online</b>
	12:20pm	<b>Baptism of Raphael Herimanjaka Metcalf</b> Lilly Cohort Team Meeting (CR)
Tuesday, August 12	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, August 13	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the bus stop (DABS)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
	6:00pm-8:00pm	Summer Read Discussion
Thursday, August 14	6:30pm-9:00pm	Lutheran Night Twins Game
Sunday, August 17	10am	Hospitality
	10:30am	<b>Worship in Sanctuary and Online</b>
Tuesday, August 19	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, August 20	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the bus stop (DABS)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
	5:30pm	Summer Community Meal
	6:00pm-8:00pm	OSCL Summer Read Discussion
Thursday, August 21	6:30pm- 8:00pm	Dinner with incoming confirmation parents (HC)
Saturday, August 23	9:00am-12:00pm	Quilting (HC)
Sunday, August 24	10:30am	<b>Bilingual Worship at San Pablo, St. Paul Lutheran Church</b>
Tuesday, August 26	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, August 27	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the bus stop (DABS)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
Sunday, August 31	10am	Hospitality
	10:30am	<b>Worship in Sanctuary and Online</b>



Jeanne Asp is recovering from nose surgery and is also dealing with neck issues, requiring her to wear a neck brace 24/7. Please pray for patience and healing.

Hawah Borbor's granddaughter Zoe Dekontee Kpanlin, 17 years old, was killed early this month by gun violence in Brooklyn Park. Pray for Hawah, Zoey's loved ones as they grieve. The funeral service will be on Friday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

The Holland family—relatives of Roy Rood's nephew in Colorado—is facing a difficult family situation involving mental illness. The challenges include the nephew's former wife, who has MS, and his older children, who are also struggling with mental health issues. Pray for peace, healing and endurance.

Anton Moore is experiencing depression but feeling well after the surgery. Pray for healing and support and safety as he navigates his depression.

Pastor Matias Bonilla and his wife Pastor Martina have begun their journey at Mayo Clinic for Matias's respiratory challenges.

Roy Rood, is doing well with radiation treatment for his cancer and is here with us.

Ria Sianipar, Pastor Esther's mother had a fall and tore a ligament on her right hand and cast has been removed. Pray for more physiotherapy for both fingers and hand because they are still numb, sore on a right hand and painful.

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 and conflict be reconciled with the needs of people.

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.

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, 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.

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 Fayez 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.

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

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

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.

