

The Sentinel

September 2025

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

In Jesus Christ, We Are One Family

Pastor Martha

This last Sunday, we worshipped with neighborhood partner congregations at San Pablo/St. Paul's Lutheran Church. We called it "bilingual worship," but as we prayed and sang together, other languages beyond Spanish and English were spoken – including Swedish, Lakota (Pastor Joan Conroy and Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy's Native language), and Bataknese (Pastor Esther's Indonesian ethnic language).

How good it was to worship together as one body of Christ! Our multi-lingual, multi-cultural service reminded me of the words of one of the songs we sang at Pastor Esther's ordination – "In Jesus Christ, We Are One Family."

How we need this song now in our hearts and our world! So many dissonant voices in our society seek to convince us that we are not indeed one family. We hear rhetoric constantly, from the highest offices of power, that dehumanize our fellow siblings because of their immigration status, skin color, economic standing, gender identity, or political ideology. We too easily become captive ourselves to sinful ways of categorizing and othering our fellow human beings, and to believing the lie that we are isolated individuals. But as people of faith, we cannot normalize dehumanization or sink into despair. Jesus calls us to renounce these lies, to repent, and to join him as co-workers in the work of building beloved community where there is flourishing and dignity for all – "The kin-dom of God is among you!"

Church, let's hold onto this deep spiritual truth of our unity in Christ. May the Spirit, in our worship and life together, anchor us in the truth of our interconnectedness and the beauty of God's dream of beloved community.



A special guest speaker during Bible Study on September 3rd

Pastor Esther

The Rev. Priscilla Paris Austin will be joining us as our guest speaker during our regular Bible Study time. She is visiting the Twin Cities from Washington state and is such a gift to the church, bringing deep wisdom and experience in dismantling white supremacy in the Lutheran Church. Pastor Austin is an ELCA pastor and a co-writer of Call to Allyship.

A potluck lunch will follow her presentation.

Wednesday Community Meals Are Back!

Marcin Cienski

Join us beginning Wednesday, **September 10 at 5:30** pm in the Hospitality Center as we relaunch our weekly community meals.

Each week we'll be serving fun, flavorful vegetarian dishes, with upgraded recipes and fresh twists to enjoy together. Families are warmly welcomed—there will always be PB&J available for kids (or anyone!) who prefer something simple. The meals will continue until November 18.

Come for a good meal, stay for the community and connection.

See more on the September music calendar for what happens after the meal at OSLC!



September 7 - Pizza and Outreach fun after worship

Pastor Esther

Come and join the fun! It's God's Work, Our Hands Sunday! After church, Outreach ministries will be hosting tables in the church as we eat delicious pizza from our oven together. Each table will have exciting information, interactive activities, and conversations to help you discover ways to plug into our ministries. Don't miss a chance to connect, learn, and grow together!



Some Slight Changes to Sunday Morning Life Together Starting September 7

Pastor Martha

Dear church, your staff have been hard at work listening and noticing and wondering about how we shape our Sunday mornings together for our dynamic, intergenerational community in Christ and for the newcomers who find their way to our doors. We have a few ‘tweaks’ to our Sunday morning that we want you to be aware of, and that we’ll all live into as we come together this Fall.

First, our schedule and snacking rhythm is going to change slightly:

9am – Faith formation for all ages – Nursery, Godly Play, Sunday School, Adult Forum

A change this year is 1st – 6th grade Sunday schoolers will have snack during class, and they will have music time together from 10 – 10:15am. Parents and caregivers for kids this age can pick up kids from Sunday school at 10:15.

10am – Adult or Children’s Choir rehearsal

10:30am – Worship

11:30am – Hospitality, announcements and fellowship in the Hospitality Center

This is the main change. We will be sharing our yummy snack buffet, coffee and tea after worship instead of before worship. Before worship, we will just have coffee and tea out.

Here are some other tweaks:

Announcements – Pastors will make brief announcements during worship as needed. For everyone else - we are going to have a big, roly, magnetic whiteboard in the narthex where folks can hand-write announcements for the community, or put a flyer. People can start adding to the announcements board at 9am through the morning. At 11:30am hospitality time, we’ll roll the announcements board into the Hospitality Center, and have some opportunity for ‘open mic’ announcements as people eat and chat. This is a holy experiment and we’ll learn as we go.

Pausing Noisy Offering – During worship, we will pause doing noisy offering for now. We do want to encourage stewardship among our children! Parents and caregivers, we invite you to give coins or cash to children to place in the plate as it goes by. If kids are receiving allowance at home, we encourage you to help kids tithe 10% or more to church. Let us pastors know how we can support encouraging stewardship, and if you have ideas please share them with us.

As we try these new holy experiments, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me or Pastor Esther. We love receiving feedback and insights from you, beloved siblings.

Thank You for Supporting Luther Crest Campers!

Pastor Martha

Dear church, thanks so much for supporting 16 kids and youth who attended Luther Crest Bible Camp! We budgeted more for camp scholarships this year, and every kid got to benefit from your generosity. We had a lot of fun sharing Luther Crest songs and skits in worship on August 17.

Here's a blessing from camp for you to grace all your comings and goings:

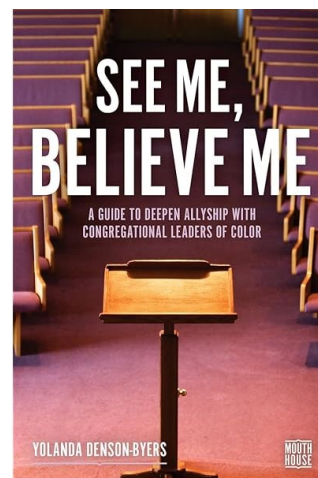


*As you go on your way may Christ go with you
May Christ go before you to show you the way
May Christ go behind you to encourage you
Beside you to befriend you
Above you to watch over
Within you to give you peace.*

Book Study Coming in October: *See Me, Believe Me: A Guide to Deepen Allyship with Congregational Leaders of Color*

Pastor Martha

We will be having a congregational book study in October on Rev. Dr. Yolanda Denson-Byers' book, *See Me, Believe Me: A Guide to Deepen Allyship with Congregational Leaders of Color*. Pastor Yolanda serves at Shepherd of the Hills in Edina, and she will be joining us to lead an adult forum and to preach in worship sometime later in the fall or winter. She is a Black, queer woman who loves the church and who has also experienced racist harm in our church. This book is a love letter and toolkit for the church so we can keep learning, do better and continue to grow as an inclusive community where we welcome the full gifts and humanity of Pastor Esther and of our new national leaders, Bishop Yehiel Curry and Secretary CeCe Mills.



If you'd like to be part of the book study, please sign up in the Narthex at church. Please sign up by September 20. We will make a congregational book order from Augsburg Fortress and will request that folks who can pay the full price to church.

We will share more about times for discussion at a later date. Looking forward to digging in with all of you!

Adult forums for September

Pastor Martha

Join us for learning and formation time!

Adult forums take place in the Hospitality Center from 9am – 10am.

Most forums also have a Zoom option for participation.

This month, September 7 forum will not be on Zoom but the others will be.

Zoom links will go out in the Sunday morning email.

September 7

– Open Space to Reconnect and Learn About Fall Happenings

– Reconnect with other members as we share coffee and tea.

Hear about what's happening on Sundays, Wednesdays and beyond.

September 14

– Get to know our Co-Directors of Worship and Music,

Kent Goodroad and Alyssa Schwitzer – Kent and Alyssa will share a little about themselves during this informal time to get to know them more as our new co-directors of worship and music.

September 21

– Reporting Back on Sacred Sites Tours – On September 20,

All Nations will lead OSLC and San Pablo's children and families in a sacred sites tour. We'll share back what we learned in the adult forum.

We may also hear stories of the Mankato sacred sites tour that some members attended in August.

September 28

– TBD – Look to the weekly update to find out our topic closer to the date.

Fall Music & Community Gatherings at OSLC

Kent Goodroad & Alyssa Schwitzer

OSLC Youth Choir

We are launching an OSLC Youth Choir starting Sept. 10th! The youth choir will rehearse the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at 6:15-7:00 pm. The youth choir will sing the second Sunday of every month in worship with a 10 am rehearsal (9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14).

Adult choir will start back Sunday, Sept. 7th.

Rehearsal will start @ 10 am, and we will sing in worship that morning. Wednesday rehearsals will resume Sept. 10th @ 7-8 PM. Adult Choir rehearsal will be the second through fourth Wednesdays of every month, with an opportunity for contemplative community prayer the first Wednesday of every month. The adult choir will sing in worship the first and third Sundays of every month (with a few exceptions, check email for the full schedule).

Singing Circle (all ages and stages)

Are you looking for an opportunity to share music in an all ages, stages, and abilities environment? If yes, join us from 6:15-7:00pm the first Wednesday of every month to sing and share songs together. Everyone is welcomed regardless of singing/musical background or ability. Please come with a song to share and ready to sing!

Contemplative Prayer Service

The first Wednesday of every month from 7-8pm will be an hour of Contemplative prayer in the spirit of Taizé tradition. Please come and join us as we pray for our neighbors, neighborhood, and the world.

Community Craft Night

Third Wednesday of every month, we are excited to celebrate a community craft night from 6:15-7:00pm. Everyone and anyone is welcome to join in on building beloved community through crafting together. Crafts will include prayer trees, prayer letters, and more!

Other opportunities to share your gifts

Sound Team

Are you interested in helping with sound on Sunday morning? We are working to create a team to support Mike Libby (who is currently our team captain!). If yes, please reach out to either Kent (kent@oursavioursmpls.com) or Alyssa (alyssa@oursavioursmpls.com).

Special Music

Would you like to share a special musical selection or prelude on a Sunday morning? Do you play an instrument or sing? If your answer to any of these questions is YES, please reach out to either Kent (kent@oursavioursmpls.com) or Alyssa (alyssa@oursavioursmpls.com).



SEPTEMBER

MUSIC SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 9/7

ADULT CHOIR SINGING IN WORSHIP (REHEARSAL @ 10 AM)

WEDNESDAY 9/10

5:30 - 6:15 COMMUNITY MEAL

6:15 - 7 YOUTH CHOIR*

7 - 8 ADULT CHOIR

WEDNESDAY 9/17

5:30 - 6:15 COMMUNITY MEAL

6:15 - 7 SINGING CIRCLE

7 - 8 ADULT CHOIR*

WEDNESDAY 9/24

5:30 - 6:15 COMMUNITY MEAL

6:15 - 7 YOUTH CHOIR

7 - 8 ADULT CHOIR

WEDNESDAY 10/1

5:30 - 6:15 COMMUNITY MEAL

6:15 - 7 COMMUNITY CRAFT NIGHT

7 - 8 CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE

*=SINGING IN WORSHIP THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY
(REHEARSAL @ 10 AM)



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

Pastor Esther and Sarah Lindley

Our Program Team

We are excited to share that an additional member just joined our team to help lead the child safety component of the grant. Please join me in welcoming Carol Hornbeck, MA, LMFT, a member of OSLC with extensive professional experience addressing child safety in congregations. Carol will be working with the Shared Program Core Team to co-develop policies that are both culturally sensitive to each church and effective in protecting our children. She may collaborate with lay leaders and members from our partner congregations to explore the best way to bring child safety and brave space for children.

Mark your calendar! Saturday Sept 20 from 10 AM - 2 PM, we will be going for a sacred site tour led by All Nations Indian Church. Children, family and Our Saviour's community are welcome to join the tour.

More details to come!

Confirmation – Reimagining!

Pastor Esther

As Pastors Martha and I discussed with the parents of children in the confirmation age group, we have decided to reimagine our confirmation program this year—meeting our youth where they are considering the current political and social turmoil in our city.

During this year of reimagining and transition, our confirmation-aged students will join the youth group. They will take on church service roles and projects, help lead youth-led worship, participate in one or more of the Missions of the Month, actively engage in our community, and join the Our Whole Lives (OWL) retreat in January 2026 with our collaborative church partners.

Pastor Martha and I will be redesigning the program with a focus on helping our youth affirm their faith in joyful and meaningful ways. In the meantime, we love to hang out with our youth—we are here to listen, to reflect, to imagine, and to hold them in our prayers.

Youth Gathering

Pastor Esther

Our youth coordinators will be meeting this month to begin planning an exciting year ahead! Stay tuned for updates on upcoming gatherings, service projects, and fun events to help our youth grow in faith and friendship.

DABS (Donuts At the Bus Stop)

Pastor Esther

It has been eight months since DABS began—our first day of serving was on January 8, right in the midst of hard times and challenges in our neighborhood, country and the world. What started with just 2–3 people waiting for the bus, stepping off the bus, or simply passing by has now grown to 10–12 people receiving DABS each week. Some are regulars, while others are newcomers who join us for the first time.

Stories have been exchanged, prayers in English and Spanish lifted, and smiles shared over a cup of coffee and fresh donuts. At the same time, we have heard the struggles our neighbors face—being unhoused, commuting more than an hour to work, grieving the effects of mental illness, letting go of addiction, living with anxiety and fear, or searching for employment. These stories resonate deeply as I serve through DABS.

Most of our DABS participants are Spanish speakers, with a few Somali neighbors as well. One thing I've learned is how useful our little outdoor library has become. Many were not aware that our building is a church; they thought it was an office for advocacy and justice work because of the justice signs up in our church windows. Through DABS, we built new and closer relationships with the English Language Center staff, teacher volunteers and students who often stop by for coffee and donuts. Oh, our mailman stops for a donut!

Thank you to Ralph Baumgartner, Rico Morales, and Pastor Martha Schwehn Bardwell for helping with DABS from time to time.

As we enter the fall season, we look forward to continuing to serve DABS every Wednesday morning around 8:30 AM and you are welcome to join me and others. This is such a meaningful outreach and evangelism ministry at Our Saviour's!



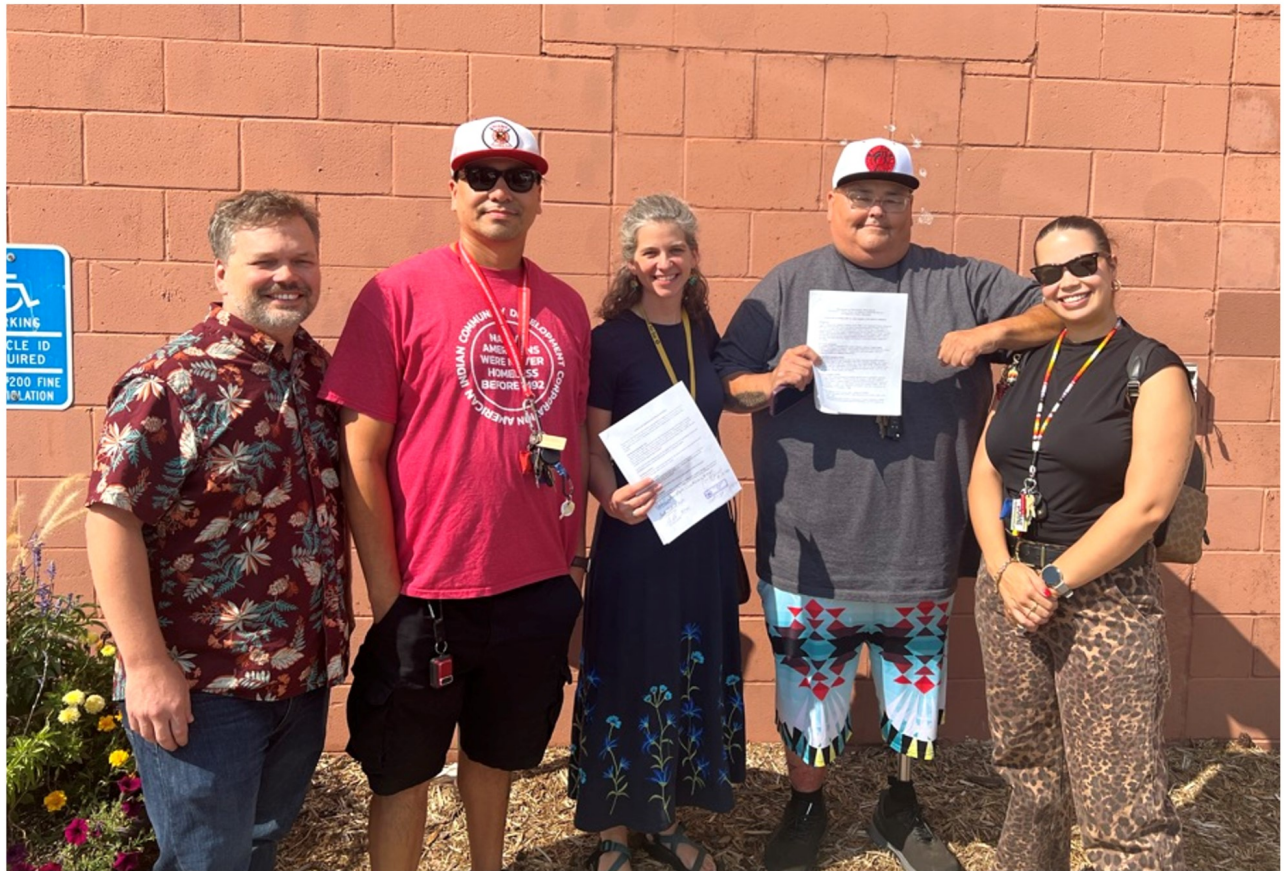
Property Update for September

Pastor Martha

We have many things to celebrate about our property progress, even as we continue to have a lot of work ahead of us.

- **We are getting a new roof, and solar will follow!** Construction is set to begin on September 2 and will last one week. See Nancy's article for impacts on parking; do not count on space in the alley that week. Solar will follow after construction; we aren't sure on that timeline yet, but installation will likely begin in October sometime, and we're hoping the system is 'live' by December 1. Big thanks goes to Nate Blumenshine for driving this project forward with wisdom!
- **We signed an MOU with Indigenous Protector Movement (IPM)** – Council voted at our June meeting to sign the MOU with IPM and to follow that up with a legal agreement. A congregational vote will happen sometime this fall/winter to officially sign the legal agreement; before then, council will dig into the questions and themes you raised as we draft the agreement. As we continue on this journey, I invite the congregation to continue to get to know IPM. One great way to do this is to listen to their new podcast, **"Sage in the City."** It's available on Apple Podcasts, YouTube and other places. In the first episode, you'll learn a lot about the founding of IPM, the Indigenous community's response after George Floyd's murder, and more about Rachel and Vin who are IPM leaders.
- **Our Green team is busy!** Our mighty green team, made up of Sharon Delcambre, Amy Blumenshine, Joel Abrahamson, Ethan Kehrberg and myself, are working hard to explore HVAC replacement options for our building including geothermal and heat pumps. We have:
 - * Applied for a grant to the Minneapolis Foundation to help us build capacity and work with design-build contractors on designing and pricing out system options– we'll find out if we will get it later this month
 - * Joined the Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light (MNIPL) Community of Practice, a group of 8 congregations and nonprofits who are sharing learnings together on how we might become resilience hubs for our communities in this time of climate emergency
 - * Welcomed a design-build contractor on site to give us a first draft set of bids for different HVAC system options
- **Our Fundraising Core Committee is wrapping up the feasibility phase of a capital campaign** – We conducted over 30 interviews this summer, and our fundraising consultants are processing the findings. Over the coming weeks, we'll figure out what our next steps are. Big thanks to David Scheie and Javen Swanson for helping out with interviews along with the core committee (Mike Troutman, Jim Unglaube, Mike Huffman, Robin Stramp, Nick Smith, and myself). And, a huge thanks to everyone who said "yes" to an interview over the summer. You all were such a help to this process.
- **We have started working with a lobbyist, former MN Senator Patricia Torres Ray** – Patricia is helping us get ready to lobby for funding from the MN legislature this Spring. She brings years of experience in the MN Senate and a track record of securing funding for similar organizations. She is passionate about our project. This opens up more possibilities for securing all the funding needed for our project.

Please continue to pray for this unfolding work. This project is truly a work of faith, hope, and love – partnership, vision, and community. May the Spirit guide us and give us wisdom to discern how we are called to keep moving forward. And as always, if you'd like to have a conversation about this project, please don't hesitate to reach out.



Left to right: Mike Huffman (OSCS), Vin Dionne (IPM), Pastor Martha (OSLC), Crow Bellecourt (IPM), Rachel Dionne-Thunder (IPM)

Hello Hospitality TEAMS

Pastor Martha

Starting Sept. 7th the church is doing some holy experiments related to hospitality.

- We'll have Coffee and tea (beverages only) at 9:00 during the forum through 10:30am.
- Then after worship (about 11:30am) there will be beverages and treats. This allows us to greet newcomers as we share in hospitality time and announcements and celebrations in the Hospitality Center
- Ushers and Hospitality leaders - we have new lanyards for you to wear so you are easily identifiable. These will be stored in the drawers of the heavy desk in the narthex where nametags are.
- We have new magnetic nametags we are trying out

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."

The signup for team H - K is below. Everyone is welcome to help out.

FIRST Letter of last name	Team Leaders	DATES
H - K	Craig Johnson & Laura Kehrberg	Sept. 2025
L - R	Sarah Lindley & Eric Molho	Oct. 2025
S - Z	Paula Keller & Lucy Selander	Nov. 2025

Please use the QR Code to go to the signup Genius.



September Mission of the Month: The English Learning Center

Arden Sasak, *Communications and Fundraising Coordinator*

The English Learning Center provides free, culturally sensitive English language education to immigrants and refugees, on the lower level of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. As a program of Our Saviour's Community Services, the English Learning Center is open year-round and operates without waitlists. We strive to meet adult learners where they are at by offering several levels of English classes at two different times each day, both online and in-person, taught by trained volunteers.

During our 2024 - 2025 fiscal year:

817 students spent 50,852 hours learning in our online and in-person classrooms

Students represented 49 different countries and spoke 35 different first languages

190 students or 23% of our students moved up to at least one higher level class

161 volunteers taught 4,360 hours online or in-person

In fall 2024, we were able to expand our staffing to better meet the needs of our growing student community. We also added an additional class level to our curriculum last fall, covering topics such as letter sounds and shapes, building skills before students enter what was previously our lowest level.

While we experienced a dip in student attendance in early 2025, we have continued to see growth in student attendance in the months that followed. This July was one of the largest-ever months in the history of the ELC for student attendance.

Your giving this month will support the English Learning Center as we provide immigrants and refugees with low-barrier English classes and continue helping our students reach their goals in the Twin Cities.

Thank you for giving!

Parking Updates and Reminders

Nancy Nygaard Johnson and Pastor Martha

As we kick off our fall programming, it's a good time to give some parking updates and reminders.

New Parking signs for alley parking

If you have been in the alley at church recently, you may have noticed some new signage related to parking. OSCS/Housing/ELC came to us with a request to help with parking needs for their staff, and to help with ELC student parking (they now have a student parking ramp program!). The new signs restrict parking M -F from 8am to 5pm. Red signs are for staff of OSCS and OSLC. Those spots are on the church side of the alley and at the Green house on the corner. For OSLC, this includes staff and office volunteers. On the Elliot side of the alley, the signs are green, and are for Visitors to the buildings, including any church member. For these spots, please center your car in front of the parking sign, as these don't have lines. Outside of these hours, anyone coming to something at the church building or other OSCS related buildings, are welcome to park in any of these spots. There is a tenant spot at the green house – do not park there. The spot right outside the back door is for drop off or pick up only, with 10 minutes max parking time. When we have a funeral at

church during the week, you will see funeral parking only bags over the staff parking signs, so all the spots will be open for those attending the funeral.



Ramp parking reminders and new code for September

We rent parking spaces at Hope Academy Ramp on 24th and Park Ave and it is a great option to park at any time you are coming to the church building. A code is needed to enter and exit the ramp, except for Sunday mornings from 8am to 2pm, or when an event may be happening at the school and the arms are up. Pick up a card at church to keep in your car. A new code will start in September and be valid thru December. We are working on other ways to get the code out to people. Please note, when school is in session, we should not park on levels 1 or 2. These are reserved for teachers and staff at the school.

Street parking

There is parking on the streets around church, but there can be restrictions. Please note the signs and follow the restrictions and times noted. Parking on the west side of Chicago Ave is not allowed when school is in session from 7am to 5pm. Sometime this fall, 24th Street will be resurfaced and the parking will move to the south side of 24th St.

Parking changes during roof work

Work on the roof at church will be starting Sept 2nd. For at least that week, parking will be restricted on the church side of the alley parking. If you are at church during the week, you may want to park at the ramp. Watch the weekly update for any additional times when parking may be restricted.

Safety reminders

There have been some issues with cars being stolen or broken into in the alley. Please do not leave valuables in your car and lock your car. Keep your car keys with you at church – do not leave them in a jacket or bag in the coat room.

Actions to stop genocide; Spread the Bishop's Word

Amy Blumenshine

As Lutherans, we can proudly share the strong letter written by our presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton



While the Bishop addressed the letter to the President and four leaders of Congress, consider sending it on to your local elected officials to inform them of our church's moral stand.

The Bishop's letter was requested by and reflective of the 95% vote for stopping the genocide at the recent ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Our small local action of passing a resolution at the OSLC annual meeting in February played a role in the Churchwide effort to make this important statement. {Let me know if you'd like to hear more about the details of that process. As always, there was plenty of drama, including a touching display of assembly support for a rabbi who spoke of his fear.}

Meanwhile, Israeli land seizures in the West Bank continue. Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA) provides education and encourages contacting your federal senators and representative. Scroll down to the Raise Your Voice section.}



Day by day, the misery worsens in Palestine—and so does the pit in my stomach. Even though I'm in relative safety in Minnesota, my body and soul are reacting in shame over my complicity and horror as we buy weapons used to starve and kill civilians—while denying care to the children those weapons maimed and orphaned. Since October 2023, \$22 Billion of our much-needed public funds sent weapons to Israel while plumping weapons manufacturers profits. In "From Economy of Occupation to Economy of Genocide"



SUN DAY
TWIN CITIES SUN DAY FESTIVAL

DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
TIME: 1:00-4:00 PM
LOCATION: THE RIVER HUB AT GRACO PARK, 810 SIBLEY ST. NE, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

FREE EVENT

REGISTER!

CELEBRATE SOLAR, WIND, AND THE MOVEMENT TO LEAVE FOSSIL FUELS BEHIND AT THE TWIN CITIES' SUN DAY FESTIVAL! ENJOY LIVE MUSIC, THEATER, HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, AND EXHIBITS FOR ALL AGES IN MINNEAPOLIS.

COME TO HAVE FUN, LEARN, AND TAKE ACTION FOR A CLEANER FUTURE!

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UN special rapporteur on the Middle East, Francesca Albanese outlines the scheme. The general shift of US public treasure to weaponry is also detailed in Profits of War



War is clearly profitable for some. Isn't it amazing that our budget allocates \$1 Trillion to weapons spending even while Congress has not declared war?

Hurrah for the bishop! Consider thanking her as she completes her service as bishop.

<https://www.elca.org/contact-us>

Thank You For Helping With Our Move, OSLC!

Robin Stramp, OSLC Staff

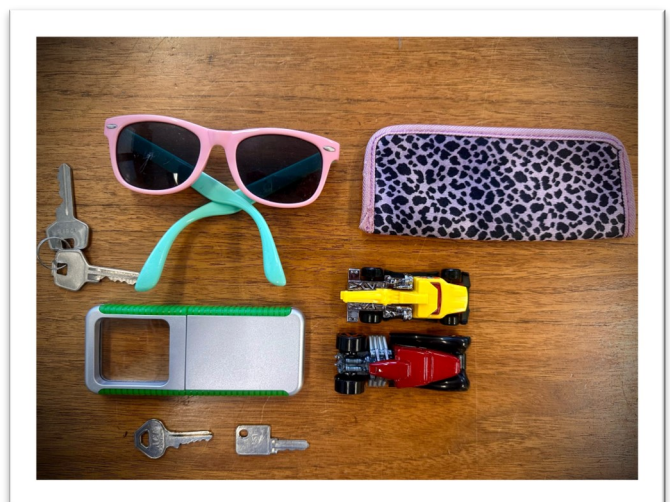
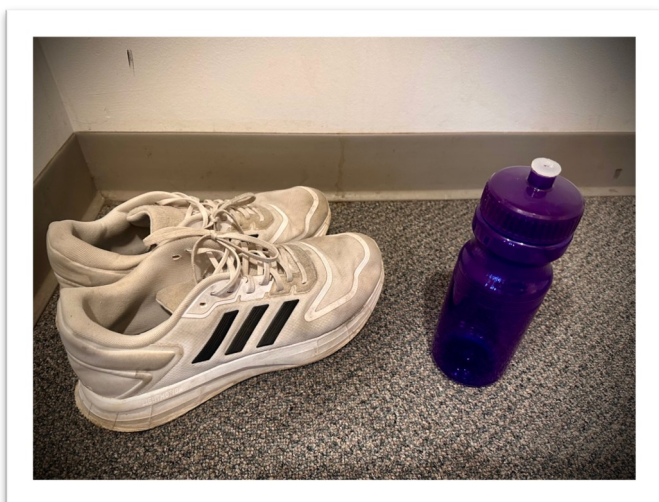
We want to express our gratitude to all the OSLC members who helped Our Saviour's Community Services pack up our temporary shelter location on Portland Avenue, set up the space on Chicago Avenue for our guests, and supported staff and guests amid the move. At least 25% of the 36 volunteers who supported our move this summer had ties to the OSLC community!

Whether you scrubbed refrigerators, moved furniture, set up our pantry, monitored the front desk, set up lockers for our guests, or so many other important tasks ... thank you for helping us make our move a more peaceful and dignified experience for our guests.

Lost and Found

Marcin Cienski

Please take a moment to check the lost and found. If any of these items belong to you, you can collect them either in the locker room by the office or on the volunteers' desk in the office.



Lectionary Text for Home Devotions

September 7

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 14

Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 21

Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 28

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

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We pray for all who suffer in the wake of gun violence in Minneapolis, including the Annunciation Catholic Church and School community. We pray for first responders, teachers, and students everywhere, for political will to address this crisis and for an end to gun violence

Patti Rogness, dealing with Parkinson's Disease

Bruce Bakke is undergoing treatment for prostate cancer - pray for healing and strength

Tanya, Rebekah Fergus's friend is recovering from surgery on her esophagus - praise God it was a smooth surgery and healing is already well underway.

Lee Howard's dad Bill is recovering from minor surgery.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

Our unhoused 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.

September at Our Saviour's

Monday, September 1		Labor Day Holiday - Office Closed
Tuesday, September 2	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, September 3	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the bus stop (DABS)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom led by The Rev. Priscilla Austin
Friday, September 5	7am-8am	Men's Breakfast @ Butter Bakery Cafe
Saturday, September 6	9am- Noon	Quilting (HC)
Sunday, September 7	9am	Faith formation for all ages – Nursery, Godly Play, Sunday School, Adult Forum
	10am	Adult choir rehearsal
	10:30am	Worship in Sanctuary and Online
	11:30am	Hospitality, announcements and fellowship (HC)
	After Worship	Outreach Ministries at God's Work. Our Hands. (Church Backyard)
Tuesday, September 9	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, September 10	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the bus stop (DABS)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
	5:30pm	Community Meal (HC)
	6:15pm	Children's Choir (Sanctuary)
	7pm	Choir (Sanctuary)
Saturday, September 13	2pm	Funeral of Anette Langford
Sunday, September 14	9am	Faith formation for all ages – Nursery, Godly Play, Sunday School, Adult Forum
	10am	Adult or Children's Choir rehearsal
	10:30am	Worship in Sanctuary and Online
	11:30am	Hospitality, announcements and fellowship (HC)
Tuesday, September 16	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, September 17	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the bus stop (DABS)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
	5:30pm	Community Meal (HC)
	6:15pm	Singing Circle (Sanctuary)
	7pm	Choir (Sanctuary)
Saturday, September 20	9am-12am	Praying in The Spirit : Sacred Sites Tour hosted by All Nations Indian Church

Sunday, September 21	9am	Faith formation for all ages – Nursery, Godly Play, Sunday School, Adult Forum
	10am	Adult or Children’s Choir rehearsal
	10:30am	Worship in Sanctuary and Online
	11:30am	Hospitality, announcements and fellowship (HC)
Tuesday, September 23	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, September 24	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the bus stop (DABS)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
	5:30pm	Community Meal (HC)
	6:15pm	Singing Circle or Children’s Choir (Sanctuary)
	7pm	Choir (Sanctuary)
Sunday, September 28	9am	Faith formation for all ages – Nursery, Godly Play, Sunday School, Adult Forum
	10am	Adult or Children’s Choir rehearsal
	10:30am	Worship in Sanctuary and Online
	11:30am	Hospitality, announcements and fellowship (HC)
Monday, September 29	5pm-8:30pm	Shelter Meal (Kitchen+HC)
Tuesday, September 30	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)