

The Sentinel

October 2025

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

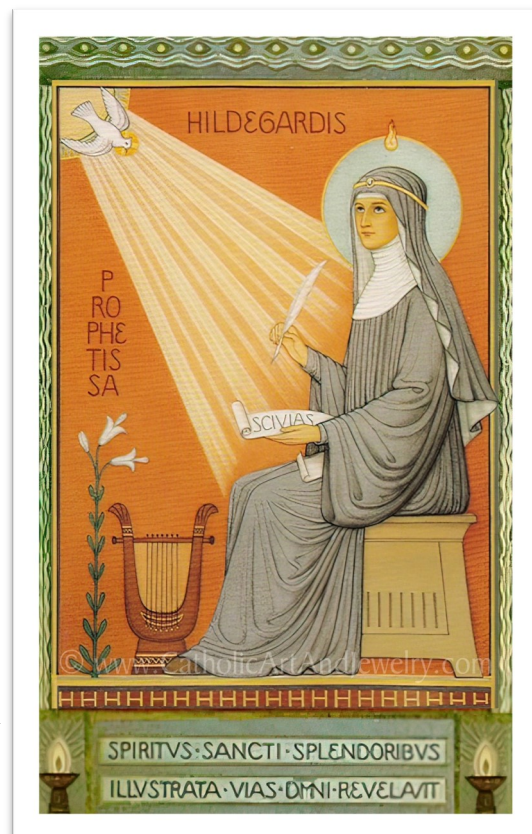


Blessing the Animals and Plants - Sunday, October 5 in worship

Pastor Martha

This Sunday, our children and youth will lead us in worship as we praise our Creator and bless the animals and plants that we love and tend. If you have a pet, bring them or bring a picture of them! If you have a favorite stuffed animal, bring it. If you have a plant – a house-plant or tree in your yard – bring a picture and we'll bless it. Blessing will abound as we remember that we are all connected as siblings in the holy, awesome web of life. We are connected in joy, we are connected in pain; we are connected in celebration and in devastation. In this fraught time in our world, may this Sunday root and ground us in the truth of our interconnectedness, the sheer gift of life and breath, the beauty of our creaturely companions, and the calling we all share as human beings to tend and keep the earth.

We will also honor two saints this Sunday: St. Hildegard of Bingen and St. Francis of Assisi. St. Hildegard was an abbess, naturalist, herbalist, composer, artist, and mystic who lived in the 12th century. Here are some of my favorite Hildegard quotes. Each is worthy of meditation. May they bless your journey of faith.



“Even in a world that’s being shipwrecked, remain brave and strong.”

”Holy Wisdom, Soaring Power, encompass us with wings unfurled, and carry us, encircling all, above, below, and through the world.“

“All living creatures are sparks from the radiation of God’s brilliance, emerging from God like the rays of the sun.“

“Like billowing clouds, like the incessant gurgle of the brook, the longing of the spirit can never be stilled.”

“The truly holy person welcomes all that is earthly.“

“We shall awaken from our dullness and rise vigorously toward justice. If we fall in love with creation deeper and deeper, we will respond to its endangerment with passion.“

Thanks be to God for St. Hildegard!

Installation of Presiding Bishop

Pastor Esther



The Rev. Yehiel Curry will be installed as the ELCA's next presiding bishop on Saturday, Oct. 4, in Central Lutheran Church Minneapolis, MN. The public is welcome to attend and this QR Code provides the details. A live video stream will be available. The service will be at 2PM; doors will be open at 1PM Central Time.

There will be a reception for all after worship. Hope to see OSLC folks at the installation as we celebrate our new Presiding Bishop Curry!

Thank you for helping make God's Work. Our Hands Sunday so meaningful and exciting!

Pastor Esther

I'm grateful to the Hospitality, Pizza Oven, and Outreach crews; the youth and older youth; parents, elders, partners—and everyone I may have missed—for making God's Work. Our Hands welcoming and meaningful to our neighbors, partners, and all of us! It was a wonderful turnout of beloveds sharing laughter, stories, pizza, jokes, talking balls, and most of all, doing ministry together!

During worship, we also blessed our four LVCers, who jumped right in at the event. Kudos to Aleah, Aura, Lara, and Sofia!

Youth Led-Service

Pastor Esther

Older youth are invited to be part of the youth-led service on Sunday Oct 5th, 2025! This includes kids and youth in the church.

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

Pastor Esther and Sarah Lindley

Pastor Esther will be heading to Indianapolis to attend the Lilly Endowment annual gathering on October 22-25, 2025 with Pastor Joan Conroy from All Nations Indian Church. She is really looking forward to meeting other grantees that received the same grant category and learning from the sessions about faithful ways to do worship and prayer for children and families in various contexts. Both pastors will also be meeting up with other ELCA synods and churches representatives who received the grant for meet and greet and making meaningful connections! They have been doing virtual monthly check-in so it will be nice to meet in-person!

Praying in the Spirit: Continues

Sarah Lindley

The Spirit is Alive at Our Saviours, and the Lilly Cohort is eager to share updates about shared events as well as OSLC specific programming for the fall! We welcome your questions, ideas or feedback!

Reach out to Pastor Esther or Sarah Lindley (sarahfranklindley@gmail.com).

THE SPIRIT IS ALIVE!

LILLY GRANT: SHARED PROGRAMMING UPDATE

fall 2025

AUGUST



Activity Kits for Shared Worship

- OSLC Lilly Grant Program Staff and OSLC youth helped to organize and assemble activity kits for August's shared worship at San Pablo Lutheran Church.
- Handheld mazes, coloring booklets, crayons, and fidget sticks supported littles' hands and minds as they took in worship!

OCTOBER



Sacred Sites Tour

- 50 + youth and adults from OSLC, San Pablo, and the wider community participated in the Sacred Sites Tour.
- Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy of All Nations Indian Church led the tour, where she supported us in "[considering] your role in the ongoing relationship between people, land, and faith."
- We traveled by bus from site to site, hearing stories of the resilience of the Dakota people and shared lunch together beside the river.
- The OSLC Lilly Program Staff created an activity booklet to support younger attendees in their participation, understanding and reflection.

DECEMBER



Cohort Leader Retreat

- On December 6th, program staff and cohort leaders from OSLC, San Pablo, and All Nations will gather together! The retreat will include:
- Sharing in a meal and getting to know one another
- Discussing and analyzing each congregation's diverse gifts and needs
- A session led by Rodge (the Praying in the Spirit assessor) where we discuss:
 - baseline reports
 - growing healthy collaboration across cultures



SAVE THE DATE: Las Posadas

- Join St. Paul's-San Pablo Lutheran Church as we celebrate the journey of Mary and Joseph before the birth of Jesus!

DEC. 19

PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

LILLY GRANT FALL PROGRAMMING AT OSLC

fall 2025

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

OSLC youth of all ages are invited to attend Children's Choir!

Children's Choir meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at 6:15pm and sings in worship the 2nd Sunday of each month.

The choir is led by OSLC Lilly Grant Program Staff Alyssa and Kent, OSLC's Co-Directors of Music and Worship.



PRAYER WALL

One goal of our Praying in the Spirit grant is to nurture "spaces where children grow in faith and prayer in ways that help them see the relationship between...worship and prayer and their everyday lives."

This fall, the Lilly cohort installed a Prayer Wall to the left of the sanctuary doors. Throughout the year we will support children in exploring how we might engage with the prayer wall in ways that feel meaningful to them.

We invite congregants of *all ages* to post their written or illustrated prayers, and to lift up these prayers within and beyond our shared worship time.



PRE-K AND KINDER PROGRAMMING

OSLC's regular pre-k and kindergarten faith formation (Godly Play), aligns beautifully with the Praying in the Spirit grant goal of "children understanding bible stories in their own context...in meaningful and welcoming ways."

OSLC Lilly Cohort Lead, Sarah Lindley, will work with pre-k and kinder children during faith formation hour when Godly Play takes a their once-monthly break. During each session we'll explore themes of nature and the liturgical season by following this predictable pattern:

- Engaging in a collaborative art piece
- Greeting each other
- Sharing and singing together
- Making a themed snack
- Open-ended creation time
- Prayer (often writing our own)



PRAYER MURAL

At the Lilly grant Pentecost event this past June, Kat Parent worked with children and families from OSLC, St. Paul's-San Pablo Lutheran Church, and the Phillips neighborhood to represent their prayers for the world on canvas. Kat shaped this work into a beautiful installation for the OSLC worship space.

The piece can also be taken down from the wall to lay flat on the ground, and will serve as an anchor for Prayer Around the Cross.



Praying in the Spirit: Youth Choir at OSLC

Alyssa Schwitzer & Kent Goodroad

This fall, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (OSLC) launched a brand-new Youth Choir, open to children and youth of all ages. The choir is part of an exciting initiative supported by the Lilly Grant, which encourages children, families, and caregivers to bring their voices, curiosities, and gifts into worship.

Through the Lilly Grant, we are creating space for kids to grow in faith and prayer while also encouraging them to bring their whole selves—their questions, their learning, and their unique perspectives—into the worship life of the congregation. In this way, worship becomes a place where all generations enrich one another through shared experiences of music.

Already, the OSLC Youth Choir has rehearsed twice and led the congregation in worship once. In both settings, the young singers brought their energy, curiosity, and joy, offering leadership that brightened our community's worship. When the voices of children are lifted up, we are reminded of the beautiful ways the Spirit works through every generation.

Thanks to the support of the Lilly Grant, OSLC is able to nurture and empower its youngest members, affirming their role as leaders in faith and community.

We look forward to many more opportunities to be blessed by the gifts of the Youth Choir in the months ahead.



Adult Forums in October

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.

October 5 –OSLC as a Resilience Hub—what might this mean? We are part of a cohort of churches, mosques and non-profits working with MNIPL (Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light) to explore what it means to be a resilience hub in this time of climate emergency. Learn what this could mean and weigh in with your ideas and brainstorming!

Please stay tuned to weekly updates for other forums in October; they are still being planned. If you would like to lead a forum, please reach out to one of the pastors.

Mission of the Month: Daily Work

Julie Hoff (Executive Director)

Maryellen Skan (Volunteer & OSLC member)

Daily Work partners with immigrants, refugees, and others facing barriers to employment. Through one-to-one, relationship-based support, job seekers gain not only work, but also stability in housing, transportation, digital access, and more.

Putting Your Generosity to Work... Immediately

Immigrants are resilient, resourceful, and essential to our community. Yet growing anti-immigrant rhetoric, increased ICE activity, and cuts to federal programs create fear and hardship for our neighbors.

At Daily Work, your support turns into action right away. This year, generosity from congregations like Our Saviour's (one of the founding congregations) has already helped:

- Purchased a training car so job seekers can practice driving, earn their licenses, and access better jobs.
- Expanded staff hours, creating more consistent, stable support for people with urgent needs.
- Piloted onsite services with MORE (a community services organization), making employment help available alongside English classes.
- Launched *Prosperity Ready*, an online course helping internationally educated professionals use their skills in careers that match their training.

Together, we are demonstrating that actions do matter, and generosity changes lives. But the needs are greater than ever. With Our Saviour's continued support, Daily Work can continue to rise to this moment, building capacity, meeting urgent challenges, and opening the door for more job seekers to thrive.

Members of Our Saviour's can support Daily Work by volunteering, providing financial donations, and praying for its job seekers. Learn more about Daily Work and volunteer opportunities on our website:

<https://daily-work.org/>

While there, sign up for our e-newsletter and like us on Facebook.

Thank you for standing with immigrants and other marginalized people. Together, we shine a light of truth and hope in a time it's needed most.



October Music Schedule at OSLC

Kent Goodroad & Alyssa Schwitzer

OSLC Youth Choir

The Youth Choir will rehearse on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 6:15–7:00 pm. All ages are welcome! The choir will sing in worship on the second Sunday of every month, with a 10:00 am rehearsal before the service. Upcoming Sunday dates: October 12, November 9, and December 14.

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir rehearses on the second through fifth Wednesdays of each month and sings in worship on the first and third Sundays (with a few exceptions—please check your email for the full schedule). We are also organizing carpooling opportunities for Wednesday evenings! If carpooling would make Wednesday evenings more enjoyable or accessible for you, please reach out to Kent (kent@oursavioursmpls.org) and/or Alyssa (alyssa@oursavioursmpls.org).

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. In October we will gather around the newly completed world map for the Healing of the Nations where we will lift up our neighbors, our neighborhood, and the world in prayer. All are welcome—come and share in this time of stillness and prayer.

Community Craft Night

Join us every third Wednesday of the month from 6:15–7:00pm for our Community Craft Night - a time of creativity and connection! All are welcome as we build beloved community through crafting together. Activities 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).



OCTOBER

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY 10/1

5:30 - 6:15 COMMUNITY MEAL

6:15 - 7 COMMUNITY CRAFT NIGHT

7 - 8 CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 10/8

5:30 - 6:15 COMMUNITY MEAL

6:15 - 7 YOUTH CHOIR*

7 - 8 ADULT CHOIR

WEDNESDAY 10/15

5:30 - 6:15 COMMUNITY MEAL

6:15 - 7 SINGING CIRCLE

7 - 8 ADULT CHOIR*

WEDNESDAY 10/22

5:30 - 6:15 COMMUNITY MEAL

6:15 - 7 YOUTH CHOIR

7 - 8 ADULT CHOIR

WEDNESDAY 10/29

5:30 - 6:15 COMMUNITY MEAL

6:15 - 7 HALLOWEEN/ALL SAINTS OPEN MIC

7 - 8 ADULT CHOIR*

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

Hello Hospitality TEAMS

Jeanne Heer

The church is continuing the 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. This includes announcements and celebrations in the Hospitality Center

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."

FIRST Letter of last name	Team Leaders	DATES
L - R	Sarah Lindley & Eric Molho sarahfranklindley@gmail.com ericmolho@gmail.com	Oct. 2025
S - Z	Paula Keller & Lucy Selander	Nov. 2025

Please use the QR Code to go to the signup Genius to help or bring treats, or contact this month's hospitality leaders: Sarah Lindley & Eric Molho.





Daniel Patrick Pfeiffer

July 27, 1977 – September 26, 2025

Pastor Esther

Dear OSLC members and friends,

We will have the funeral service for Daniel Pfeiffer (Dan) on Saturday, October 4 at 10AM-11AM followed by brunch reception at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Together we will commend our beloved Dan to God's eternal care and keeping.

A link to the worship bulletin will be available on the website closer to the service date.

The church is located on 2315 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis.

Parking Information for Our Saviour's:

Parking is available in the alley lot directly behind the church, accessible from 24th St between Elliot Ave and Chicago Ave. Free parking on the street on Chicago Ave and 24th St.

Free parking is also available in the Hope Academy Parking Ramp at 715 E 24th St. You will need the code to enter the ramp. Please contact the family for the code.

Normalizing Violence Kills Community

Amy Blumenshine

How did we get to this commonality of high profile and mass shootings in our country? I am among those who opine that our “forever wars” for “full spectrum dominance” play a role. Mass killing is normalized and even saluted. Now our most prominent leader even encourages making war on American civilians, mostly in cities which voted against him. I am among those aghast at this callous disregard for the conscience of those under his command.

In this time of apocalypse/unveiling, we all need to recognize our common humanity, especially members of the military who have been intentionally conditioned to kill. (I have written before about how training was changed after a WWII study showed that most soldiers avoided killing.)

Sadly the highest domestic consequence of this conditioning is the high rate of suicides among veterans and active duty. It is telling that too many veterans refuse to connect with VA services because they have such distrust and even hate for their government due to their experiences. (*Bodyguard of Lies* is a documentary exploring official lies that continued the war in Afghanistan.) Many experience serious family difficulties. Another lethal consequence are the mass shootings.

Whenever discussing veterans, it's important to recognize that there are wide varieties of experiences among the 19 million veterans. People respond to the training and trauma differently as well. Some flourish. Yet, one in 3 have been arrested and jailed at least once, and at last count, more than 181,000 were in US

prisons and jails. Imagine how betrayed and angry you'd feel if you risked your well-being, saw comrades hurt, and ended innocent lives based on lies. Many veterans, because of their experiences, have found common cause with those seeking to prevent wars.

We're currently in yet another news cycle reporting US mass shootings allegedly committed by military veterans (as I noted in my January 2025 Sentinel article.) The alleged destroyer of the LDS members and church in Michigan as well as the alleged boat assailant of the North Carolina crowd had been deployed in Iraq. (Both atrocities were committed within 24 hours of each other.) Some commentators call it "the war comes home." Use the QR Code to read more:



The North Carolina suspect authored a book with a title indicating moral injury: *Headshot: Betrayal of a Nation*. Many military veterans feel that their virtue has been exploited and their character corrupted by what they were sent to do. Some talk of soul wounds.

Other "senseless violence" mass shooters act like military mimics. Note that the alleged assassin of Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman said he was "Going to war," as well as claiming covert "security" employment in various parts of the world where the US has committed lethal violence.

Former FBI agent and Time Person of the Year Coleen Rowley has been raising these issues for decades -- since different decorated vets committed the Oklahoma City bombing, DC serial sniping, and Arizona murder of three nursing professors. She names *desensitization* as the most significant factor. In our US society, we are steeped in stories of good killing, not just glorification of US wars fought for noble causes but also covert skull-duggery. Such shooter video games are very popular as are a plethora of movies, many "guided/consulted" by the Pentagon at our expense. Such stories reinforce the myth of regenerative violence—not just that violence brings good but that violence is necessary for individual and societal renewal. In this myth, we can recognize the Western frontier impetus to "kill the savages" to create civilization.

Rowley knows from her career interviewing murderers that nearly all murderers "seek to protect their own psyches with ego defense rationalizations that *normalize* their actions."

And indeed, what a president does--like bombing boats and facilities in other countries without the pretext of war—tends to normalize such behavior. Commanding others to kill pointlessly can cause them and their community a lifetime of suffering. "I can kill you if I consider you an enemy," puts all of us at risk.

As one Vietnam vet explained to me,
"I felt that since I'd been given license to kill by our highest authority, why should I care what the county sheriff wanted."

In truth, violence erodes trust between neighbors and family members. Human flourishing is related to such relationships as well as character and virtue – individually and societally. People with the orientation to promote good tend to be more satisfied with life and happier, report better mental and physical health, and feel more socially connected and purposeful.

The way citizens of Los Angeles rose to challenge the invasion by a federal lethal armed force has been called a nonviolent truth-force that can expose lies and bring us together. I also look forward to hearing of the humane actions conducted by many of those commanded to LA.

We all can connect with that stream of divine love and channel it to others. Letting our lights shine not only drives out darkness but truly serves to regenerate/flourish community.

May our brothers and sisters in the military also hold onto their humanity during this trial – and may we all hold them in our prayers.

Christ in Our Home Devotional Available

Nancy Nygaard Johnson

Pick up the October-December 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.



Little Library Needs Books

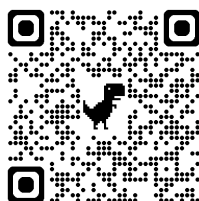
Nancy Nygaard Johnson

The little library in front of church is in need of books for children and adults. Please bring donated books to church and place in the appropriate bins right inside the front door. The people waiting for the bus like to browse while they are waiting.

Property Work Days Scheduled

Nancy Nygaard Johnson

Join the Property Committee for our Work Day on Saturday Oct 11th from 10am to Noon. There will be outdoor and indoor work to do. It is also the 23rd Annual Phillips Clean Sweep Day. They will be coming by to pick up trash in the neighborhood. Find out more about the events of the day using this QR Code below. Mark your calendar for November 22nd for our next Property work day from 10am to Noon. That work day will focus on prepping for winter and other indoor work. Many hands make light work.



Wall Calendars for OS Housing

Nancy Nygaard Johnson

If you get 2026 Wall Calendars in the mail, and don't have use for all of them, we are collecting them for the shelter. A box will be in the Narthex or the church office to drop them off at thru the end of the year, or until we have enough.



PHILLIPS CLEAN SWEEP 2025

saturday, October 11th



Put out your trash!

On Clean Sweep, the neighborhoods pay for trucks to pick up extra household trash across the Phillips Community.

Put your extra trash next to your garbage cans on Friday night
(but by 8am on Saturday at the latest).

This includes:

- Old furniture, carpet, tires, appliances etc.
- Household construction scraps
- No hazardous waste (paint, gas, oil)

More details here!



Pick up trash!

9 am: Breakfast and Check In!

Grab your supplies, get this year's t-shirt, eat breakfast, and enjoy music from our brass band.

Check in at: Welna Ace Hardware Parking Lot
(2438 Bloomington Ave S)

9:30 am - Noon: Trash Pick Up!

Meet your neighbors, pick up litter, and help clean our neighborhood

Noon - 1:30 pm: Lunch and Resource Fair!

Celebrate your hard work with some lunch (free!) and stroll through the resource fair. Don't forget to grab your Clean Sweep bingo card for raffle prizes!

Banyan Community (2529 13th Ave S)



You are invited to join the weekly dinner at GMCC every Tuesday

Pastor Esther

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC), and the Conflict Resolution Center (CRC) continue hosting weekly Community Caring Dinners with our unhoused neighbors and those may be experiencing mental health and substance use challenges. The conversation is facilitated by Dr. Raj, Associate Professor at Metropolitan State University who experiences circle conversations on restorative justice, trauma and healing and community building. It has been a meaningful experience for me to attend the dinner and be part of caring conversations.

The dinner is every **Tuesday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the GMCC facility on 1100 E. Lake Street Minneapolis**. If you like to come on any given Tuesday or you have questions, please email me at esther@oursavioursmpls.org

DABS (Donuts At the Bus Stop)

Pastor Esther

Help us make mornings brighter! We're inviting you to join our pastors as we serve hot coffee and donuts to the community at the corner of Chicago and 24th Street.

When: Wednesdays

Time: 8:30 AM

This is a great opportunity to connect, give back, and make a difference. We'd love your help in spreading kindness and warmth.

Join us and be a blessing to the neighborhood!



Lectionary Text for Home Devotions

October 5

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 12

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 19

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 26

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Sirach 35:12-17 (alternate)
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

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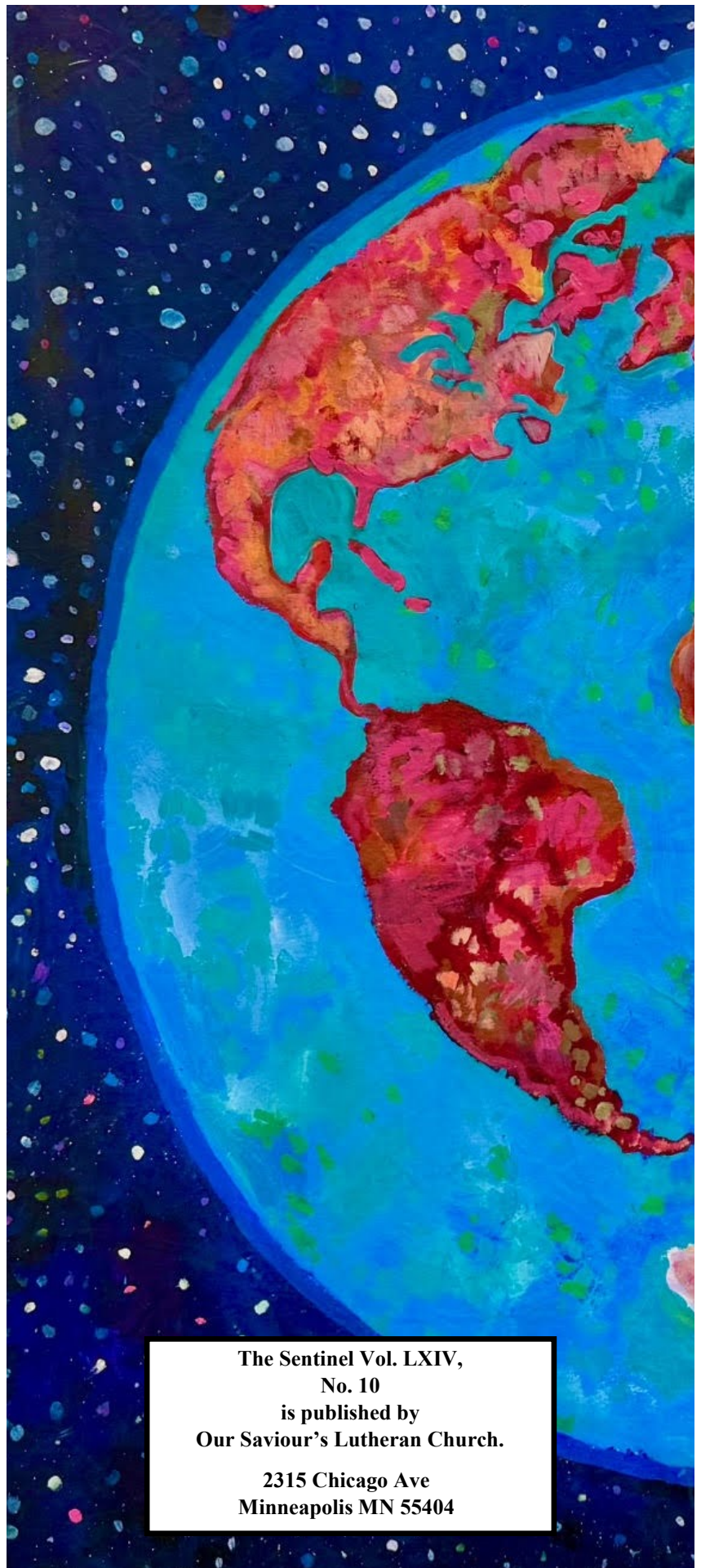
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PRAYER LIST

Pray for Dan Pfeiffer's family as they grieve from the loss of Dan Pfeiffer. Pray also for Rico Morales as he is a close friend to Dan.

Marco, one of the ELC students who recently been detained by ICE. Pray for his safety and release so he can be reunited with his family.

Berehman Sianipar, Pastor Esther's uncle, who is critically ill in Jakarta and may be in his final days in. Pray for healing, comfort, and peace for Berehman and his family during this time.

Pray for an end to gun violence and all kinds of violence in our neighborhood, and for the safety and well-being of young children and youth during this difficult and divided political world.

Pray for Elaine Doorenbos, mother of Laura Kehrberg, who has been diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia and recently moved to a nursing home to receive full care. Pray for Elaine's comfort and healing, and for strength and peace for her husband and family during this difficult transition.

Our unhoused neighbors, especially the Nenookaasi residents and those recently evicted from encampments who are spread out, as they seek shelter and stable housing.

Carol Buhr, Laura Hauer's mother, recovering from knee surgery.

Jeanne Asp's nose has completely healed. Pray for healing on the fracture of her neck.

Katherine Marie Preus of California, Susan Erickson's cousin died in a biking accident. Pray for her family and friends as they grieve.

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.

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

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

Pray for 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, is 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.

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.

October at Our Saviour's

Saturday, October 4	11am-Noon	Memorial Service for Daniel Patrick Pfeiffer , followed by brunch
Sunday, October 5	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)
	Noon-1:30pm	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 7	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, October 8	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	Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
	7pm	Choir (Sanctuary)
Saturday, October 11	10am-Noon	Property Work Day
Sunday, October 12	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, October 14	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, October 15	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, October 18	9am-12am	Quilting
Sunday, October 19	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, October 21	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, October 22	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	Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
	7pm	Choir (Sanctuary)
Sunday, October 26	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, October 28	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, October 29	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	Halloween Open Mic
	7pm	Choir (Sanctuary)