



The Sentinel

November 2025

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



The Wisdom of Christ and The Serviceberry

Pastor Martha

But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." – Luke 12:20-21

Back in August, I preached on Jesus' parable about a foolish rich man who harvests an abundant crop. Instead of sharing his abundance, he chooses to build bigger barns to store it all in. This parable feels especially timely as we live through a period of unprecedented wealth consolidation for the wealthiest 1%. The wealthy are building bigger barns, bigger mansions, bigger ballrooms while so many – the working poor, marginalized, folks with chronic health issues, elders on fixed incomes – struggle to put food on the table, get medical care and simply survive.

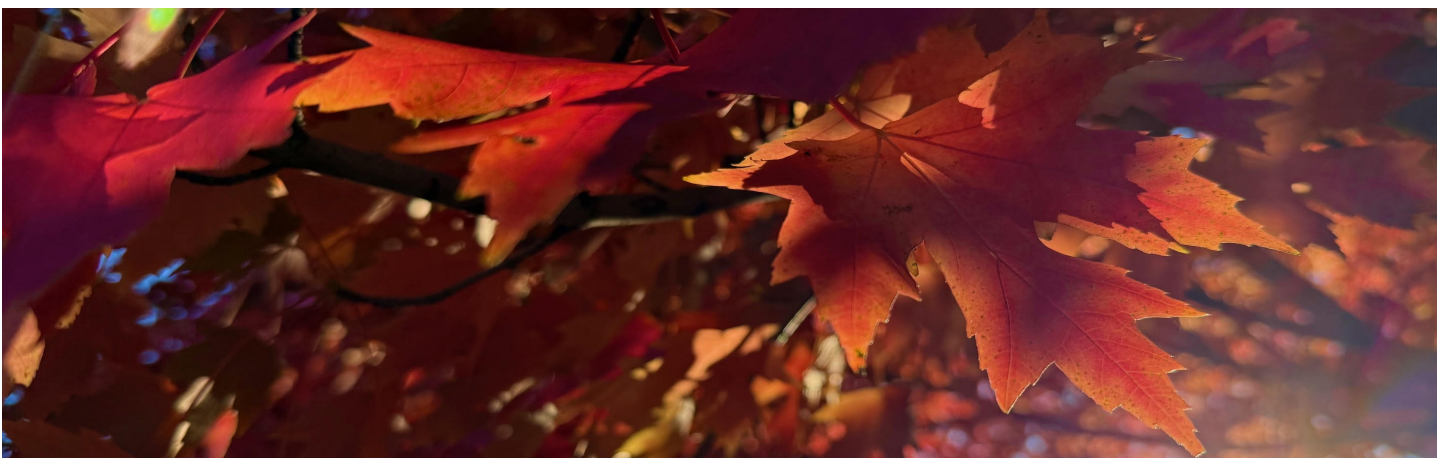
Jesus calls us to partner together towards another vision where the lowly are lifted up and the rich are cast down so that all might be on a 'level place' where there is mutuality, sharing and reconciliation.

This November, our partners at All Nations Indian Church invite us to enter this wisdom of mutuality and sharing by reading Robin Wall Kimmerer's short book *The Serviceberry* with them and other partner congregations. In the book, Kimmerer invites us into an Indigenous worldview and contrasts gift economies based on reciprocity, gratitude, mutual flourishing and reverence for Earth with our economy today.

In the book, she tells a story about an encounter between an anthropologist from the Global North and a Brazilian hunter-gatherer. The hunter brings home a huge kill, far too much for his family alone. The anthropologist is aghast that the hunter chooses to throw a feast for his community instead of storing the meat for his family. The anthropologist asks – why aren't you storing your meat, given the risk that you might not get a big kill like this in the future? The hunter-gatherer says: "Store my meat? I store my meat in the belly of my brother."

Talk about the opposite approach to building bigger barns. To our dominant culture it seems like 'maladaptive behavior,' but in the dominion of God I can't think of anything more Christlike than storing your meat in the belly of your sibling.

May the wisdom of Christ and the serviceberry guide us in our own giving decisions this season and beyond. Let's all remember that everything we have is first a gift from God who made the heavens and the earth and breathed the breath of life into each one of us. We are all siblings in one human family, called to love, serve, and share. Thanks be to God.





Adult Forums in November

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. Zoom links will go out in the Sunday morning email.

November 2 – End of Life Planning with Elizabeth Damico-Carper:

Elizabeth Damico-Carper is the Director of Support Services at Brighton Hospice as well as a rostered leader in the St. Paul Area Synod. Elizabeth will lead our Sunday adult forum on end of life planning and approaching end of life conversations - we will lean on our faith traditions to sing and be led by God's promises! Elizabeth will also spend some time dispelling common misconceptions about hospice care and answering questions.

November 9 – Budget Forum: Come learn about how the OSLC budget is shaping up for 2026. Tal Anderson, our Treasurer, will share projections and invite your questions and input as we get ready for pledge Sunday on November 23.

November 16 – TBD: *watch for weekly update*

November 23 – *The Serviceberry* and Advent Traditions: We will ponder passages from Robin Wall Kimmerer's book *The Serviceberry*, share about the upcoming Wopila gathering, and share Advent traditions.

November 30 – Indigenous Protector Movement with Rachel Dionne-Thunder: Rachel Dionne Thunder, VP of Indigenous Protector Movement, will be with us to share about IPM's community work. This is a great opportunity to continue to get to know IPM.

NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY 11/5

5:30 - 6:15 COMMUNITY MEAL

6:15 - 7 COMMUNITY CRAFT NIGHT

7 - 8 CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 11/12

5:30 - 6:15 COMMUNITY MEAL

6:15 - 7 YOUTH CHOIR

7 - 8 ADULT CHOIR*

WEDNESDAY 11/19

5:30 - 6:15 COMMUNITY MEAL

6:15 - 7 SINGING CIRCLE

7 - 8 ADULT CHOIR

WEDNESDAY 11/26

NO PROGRAMMING

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



Daylight Saving Time Ends November 2, 2025 at 2:00 AM

Change those clocks!

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 2, 2025, at 2:00 A.M. As we sleep, the clocks “fall back” one hour! Or, more likely, you will have to change them... Don't forget!

Sunday, November 2 - All Saints Worship and Bible Presentations

Pastor Martha

On Sunday, November 2, we will remember the beloved saints who have come before us and shaped our journeys of faith. We will honor saints in a few ways. On the baptismal font, there will be votive candles to light for those you are holding in memory. There will also be a book where you can write the names of loved ones you are remembering and honoring. During worship, we will hear a "Litany of the Saints" that will include saints from throughout history as well as those who have died and been baptized in the last year.

We will also present 3rd graders and new kids to OSLC with Bibles during the Children's sermon.

We continue to equip the saints among us today for lives of faith, hope and love!

It's Stewardship Season!

Sunday, November 9 is Budget Forum

Sunday, November 23 is Commitment Sunday

Pastor Martha

Every year, we invite members and friends to make a financial commitment to sustain our ministries at Our Saviour's. I pray that you will joyfully ponder what this community means to you as you contemplate making your financial commitment for the year ahead. We will welcome your pledges on Reign of Christ Sunday (this year, November 23) as an act of worship. These pledges are instrumental in helping us plan our budget for the coming year.

On November 9 in the adult forum, our treasurer Tal Anderson will share updates about how our 2026 budget is shaping up. This budget conversation will be a grounding for us about the kinds of ministries we get to do together when we all pitch in what we have in a spirit of generosity.

A letter is coming in the first week of November to all members to share more about our budget and what your giving makes possible for our life together. Stay tuned!

Mission of the Month: Indigenous Protector Movement (IPM)

Pastor Martha

We began a relationship with IPM leaders right when IPM was in the process of being founded. Our church showed up at the Roof Depot Site on Palm Sunday to stand together for environmental justice and met leaders

Rachel Dionne-Thunder and Vin Dionne. Now, over 2 and a half years later, we are getting ready to transfer one of our properties to IPM as an act of reparation. They intend to use the house for their incredible community work.

This month, I encourage you to get to know IPM more: visit their website, listen to their podcast Sage in the City, and come to the forum on November 30 to hear more from them about who they are and what they're working on.

Here's a little about IPM from their website -

Long before IPM existed, our peoples wove networks of care and resistance across Turtle Island. Indigenous relatives have defended the land and each other since time immemorial. On the unceded stolen Dakota Land of the Twin Cities, early urban relocation policies brought Ojibwe, Dakota, Ho-Chunk, and many other Nations into Minneapolis; yet the supports they'd relied on in home territories were left behind. During the 1960s and '70s, the American Indian Movement rose up here, organizing survival schools, occupations, and protests to reclaim rights, visibility, and empower Indigenous peoples.

Our co-founders, grandchildren and nieces/nephews of those who built AIM and countless grassroots efforts, grew up hearing stories of the occupation at Wounded Knee, the Trail of Broken Treaties caravan, and of our ancestors who sacrificed for a better future. Inspired by that legacy, they saw a gap: no organization was formally structured as a 501(c)(3) to resource, scale, and sustain urban Indigenous-led advocacy and healing initiatives. IPM breathes life into that vision, honoring ancestral tactics while forging new pathways for today's challenges.

OSLC Property and Capital Campaign Update for November

Pastor Martha

I'm writing this update on the heels of a wonderfully affirming congregational meeting Sunday, October 26. I praise God that this congregation said a bold, unanimous YES to moving forward with a transformational capital campaign with OSCS that supports affordable housing, new learning space for the ELC, reparations, climate justice, and our growing community at OSLC. Here we go!

We have welcomed Cara Herrick to serve as the Chair of the capital campaign steering committee. The coming month or two will include recruiting more steering committee members and beginning solicitations during this quiet phase.

This month, we also should see solar go up on our new roof, and we should see new door closers installed on our sanctuary and Hospitality Center doors. We aren't sure yet what the exact schedule will be for either of these things, but it will be so good to welcome these changes that will cut down on fossil fuels and door slamming!

As we said at the congregational meeting – please pray for the capital campaign and the many leaders involved. Please keep the ideas coming for what we might name this joint campaign. Please also reach out to me,

Cara Herrick, Jim Unglaube or Mike Troutman if you would like to talk more about the capital campaign.
Onward with boldness!

Partnering Powerfully with All Nations Indian Church:

-Wopila Gathering:

Tuesday, November 25, 2025 | 6:00–8:30 PM

-*The Serviceberry* Community Book Study: November 1-21

Pastor Martha

The last several years, we at OSLC have hosted a gathering of congregations who come together to support All Nations Indian Church. This year, All Nations is glad to host us in their space. On top of that, they are inviting us and other partners to take part in a community book study of *The Serviceberry*.

All of us can be part of the book study, but space at the Wopila gathering is limited. We have one 6-person Friendship Table for OSLC guests, and we will perhaps be offered a second table to fill depending on registrations. If you would like to attend this event, please contact Pastor Martha and she will make a list of those who would like to attend.

Here's more from All Nations about the shape and meaning of the event, and the book study:

6:00–7:00 PM — Social Hour and Church Tours

Enjoy refreshments and conversation while exploring All Nations' ministry and community spaces.

7:00–8:30 PM — Wopila Dinner and Worship

Share in a communal meal, storytelling, and reflections inspired by *The Serviceberry* book read. Together, we'll celebrate gratitude, generosity, and connection through prayer, song, and conversation.

What Is a Wopila?

In Lakota, Wopila means "a giving of thanks."

For the Sioux people, a Wopila is a sacred way to say thank you and to give back to the people and relationships who have walked beside us. It's not a fundraiser in the traditional sense; it's a celebration of generosity and interdependence.

This year marks two years since Pastors Kelly and Joan began serving at All Nations. Hosting the Wopila is our way of saying thank you to all the congregations, partners, and friends who have supported this journey of ministry and healing. We really wouldn't be here if it weren't for your generosity in so many ways.

The Serviceberry Connection + Book Study Invitation

This year's Wopila Dinner Worship will include reflections from *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall Kimmerer and our shared Community Book Read, which starts November 2. The themes of *The Serviceberry* of

reciprocity, gratitude, and relationship are deeply woven into this year's Wopila, "The Gifts We Share — A Community of Gratitude."

A book study guide written by Dr Kelly Sherman-Conroy is available – ask Pastor Martha for a copy.

Each week leading up to the Wopila, we'll post reflections, discussion prompts, and short videos to guide your congregation's reading and deepen our shared learning. You can find and follow these updates on the Community Book Read Facebook Page:

The Serviceberry Book Read – Facebook Event

You are encouraged to join the online conversations, share the weekly posts, and reflect together as we prepare our hearts and minds for this gathering of gratitude.

Like the wisdom of the serviceberry plant which thrives through sharing and reciprocity, this Thanksgiving season invites us to reflect on the gifts we share through worship, story, and community.

Together, we'll honor what it means to live with gratitude, to give in love, and to walk together as relatives. With gratitude and peace,

Pastors Joan and Kelly



JOIN THE CONVERSATION

A SERVICEBERRY COMMUNITY BOOK READ

A Shared Journey of
Gratitude, Reciprocity
& Community

November 1 –
November 21, 2025

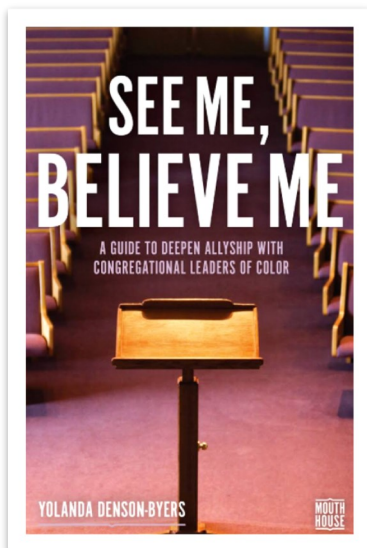
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Churches • Groups • Individuals – All Are Welcome

Follow our event page each week for reflections and conversation,
To receive a full copy of the Leader Guide
for your group or congregation, contact: kelly@allnationsic.org





Book study on See Me, Believe Me moved to January 2026– Sign up by November 30

Pastor Martha

We will be having a congregational book study in January 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 sometime in January or February. 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 our new national leaders, Bishop Yehiel Curry and Secretary CeCe Mills.

If you'd like to be part of the book study, please let me know. I will order books in early December. We will discuss the book over 3 adult forums in January.

Mid-Week Advent Gatherings this Advent – Would You Host?

Pastor Martha

It has been our practice to open our homes to one another during the Advent season. We push 'pause' on community meals at church, and invite one another into our homes to share food, prayer and conversation, as we wait for the One who said "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

If you are interested in hosting members in your home, please reach out to me. I'm happy to talk with you about details. The basics are:

- Decide how many people you can host in your home comfortably
- Decide what time you're hosting – we do 5:30 – 7pm at our house
- Let me know what you're thinking and we'll let the congregation know they can sign up to come to you
- When you host, share a meal – most hosts do potlucks – or dessert depending on the time you gather
- Do some dwelling in Scripture – we will provide a guide for you to follow

As you discern whether you want to host, I invite you to think, too, of whether or not there might be a neighbor or non-church friend you could invite to your table.

The Wednesdays this year for mid-week gatherings are:

December 3, December 10, December 17

Or, you could choose a different day of the week to host – up to you.

Thanks for considering this holy invitation, and please reach out with your interest or questions.

Manna and Mercy Retreat with South African Pastor

Alan Storey

April 17-19 at OSLC

Save the Date and Spread the Word

Pastor Martha

We have an incredible opportunity to welcome South African Pastor Alan Storey to Minneapolis this Spring. Using Dan Erlander's *Manna and Mercy* book, Alan has developed a weekend retreat to take a fresh look at scripture through the interpretive lens of Jesus' life, death and resurrection and God's overall call for each one of us to partner with God in mending this fractured world. The hope is that after we have done so, our interpretations and use of the scriptures will be truly liberating and life-enabling for all of creation.

Please save the date and protect this weekend. We'll be sharing more details in December and January.

We plan to host the retreat at OSLC unless the registration numbers go beyond what we can manage.

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

Pastor Esther

Pastors Joan Conroy and I attended our first Lilly Endowment Annual Gathering in Indianapolis, IN, on October 22–25. There were two grant categories represented at the gathering: Christian Parenting and Caregiving and Nurturing Children Through Worship and Prayer (our grant category). In total, there were about 435 grantees gathered in one large space at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis!

We made new connections, had meaningful conversations, and exchanged stories about our contexts, the children and families we serve, and the challenges and opportunities we are addressing and cultivating. Each day began with praise, worship, and prayer—moments that grounded and inspired us throughout the gathering. Some photos attached of display programs made by grantees.

I had a wonderful experience tuning in to some beautiful songs created by other grantees using my own headset. It was a divine experience—being in my own space, listening to uplifting music, and feeling fully present. This session was called the Silent Kids' Music Party! Now I understand why kids and youth love wearing their headphones and being in their own world, it's like a silent music party for them! A photo attached of me using the upbeat headphones!

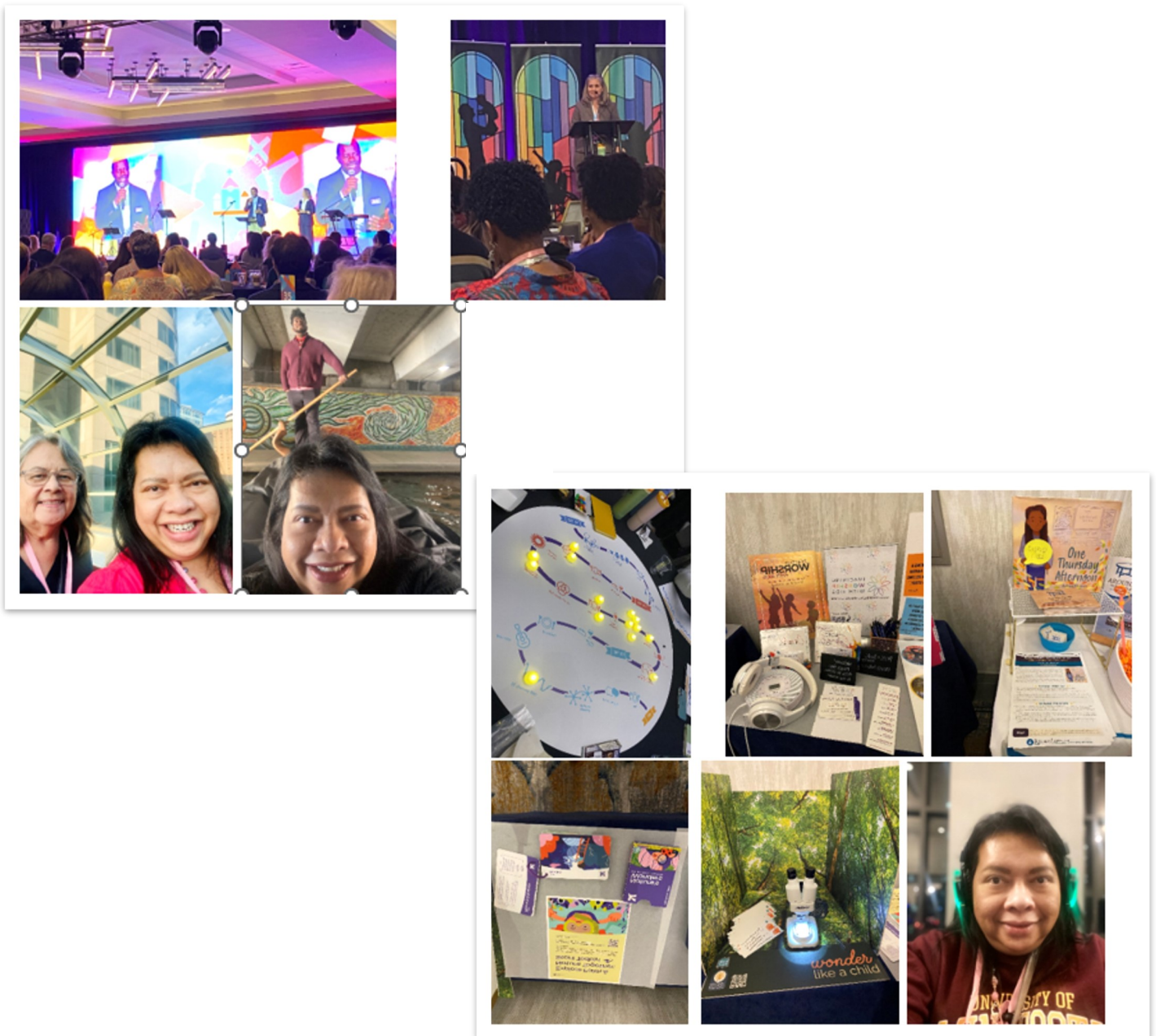
I attended two sessions: Starting Well and Children and Liturgy. Starting Well equipped project directors to succeed in their grant work. Lilly Endowment encouraged us to pivot when needed and to share how those pivots impact our programs. They appreciate hearing about new approaches, experiments, and tweaks to

existing practices—and how these changes affect children, families, and communities.

The Children and Liturgy session emphasized that children’s participation in liturgy should be full, fun, and festive. To achieve this, we need to accompany educators, lay leaders, and clergy in integrating children into all aspects of worship.

We also connected with other ELCA grantees to share about our projects and to support one another. We plan to continue our check-ins remotely. We even met some folks from the Minneapolis Area Synod!

It was a wonderful and engaging gathering—filled with connection, inspiration, and joy, and with no rush or stress. Some photos from the event captured what the gathering looked like! I even got to ride a gondola, serenaded by a gondolier!



ALIGN Fall Organizing Guide is Here!

Pastor Esther

The Fall Organizing Guide's theme is working while experiencing homelessness.

The guide also includes information to prepare for voting in elections this fall, goods drives, volunteer opportunities, and more!

Find the full guide: <https://www.alignmpls.org/organizingguide>

And using QR Code below, check out this recent news piece featuring author Brian Goldstone about his book "There is No Place For Us: Working and Homeless in America"

We are invited to ALIGN Minneapolis Fall Fundraiser event Thursday Nov 20th 4-7PM at Plymouth Congregational Church. Please register to the link below or contact Pastor Esther!



HOPE FOR HOME

An Open House Fundraiser for Align Minneapolis

Thursday, November 20, 4-7 PM
Plymouth Congregational Church
Jones Commons
1900 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis

Learn more about how
Align Minneapolis serves our community!

Appetizers & small dessert items,
coffee, tea, & water will be served.

www.alignmpls.org/hopeforhome



Hello Hospitality TEAMS

Jeanne Heer

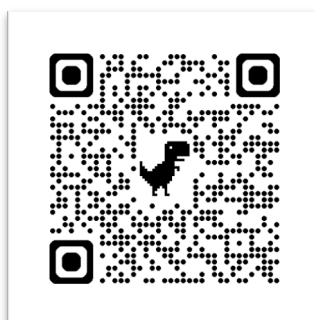
The church is continuing the holy experiments related to hospitality.

- 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
S - Z	Paula Keller & Lucy Selander	Nov. 2025
A - B	Joel Beard & Elaine Johnson	Dec. 2025
C - G	Dave Comstock & Jeanne Heer	Jan. 2026
H - K	Craig Johnson & Laura Kehrberg	Feb. 2026
L - R	Sarah Lindley & Eric Molho	Mar. 2025

Please use the QR Code to go to the signup Genius to help or bring treats, or contact this month's hospitality leaders: Paula Keller plkeller53@gmail.com 612-822-9122, Lucy Selander lucyseland@gmail.com 612-581-1750



Property Work Day – Saturday November 22nd

Nancy Nygaard Johnson

Join the Property Committee for our Work Day on Saturday November 22nd from 10am to Noon. We will focus on prepping for winter and other indoor work, along with picking up trash outside. Many hands make light work.

Calendars for the Shelter

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 church office on the volunteer desk to drop them off thru the end of the year, or until we have enough.

Hope Academy Parking Ramp Reminders

Nancy Nygaard Johnson

Just a few reminders about parking at Hope Academy Ramp. Parking is allowed from 7am to 11pm. No overnight parking is allowed. Please do not share the code with others outside of the congregation unless they are coming to an event at Our Saviour's. Parking is only for when you are coming for an OSLC/OSCS event or volunteering.

Join Our Saviour's Community Services for an evening of friendly competition on November 13th!

Jennifer Manthey

Trivia Mafia will lead six engaging rounds of trivia from 6-8pm.

Attend in person at the Hospitality Center at 2315 Chicago Ave or play online via Zoom. You're welcome to gather a team of your smartest friends or register solo and meet some new ones!

Register at oscs-mn.org/oscs-trivia-night/



Remembering Veterans and Souls

Amy Blumenshine

This year the confluence of All Soul's Day, when we honor our ancestors, and Armistice/Veterans Day is particularly impactful. I'm old enough to remember the generation of men conscripted to fight against fascism in World War II. It is painful to think what the America of my parents would think of the current federal effort to demonize and penalize anti-fascists. Fascism and war appear in fashion now; empathy, conscience, and the value of life are dismissed.

November 11 is the day "The War to End All Wars," as World War I was initially called, ended with an Armistice (at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.) In the aftermath of that war, peace was widely celebrated. An international movement pushed by veterans succeeded in outlawing wars of aggression ten years later. Minnesota's own Frank Kellogg played a significant role in that 1928 Kellogg-Briand Pact. Since then, defense against another army has been the excuse for engaging in the indiscriminate mass slaughter and destruction of war. The excuse of claiming aggression by another army may also may be out of fashion as our armed forces kill Venezuelans.

Originally called Armistice Day, the day's name became changed by Americans to Veterans Day as the US made more wars. Interestingly, before WWI and still, November 11 is a feast day among some Christians for 4th century St. Martin, Bishop of Tours. He soldiered for the empire as a young adult. The legend celebrated about him is that he had a paradigm shift one day as he encountered a person in need as he patrolled on horseback. He cut his cloak in two with his sword to give half to the needy man. That night, Christ appeared to him dressed in the half cloak and saying that when Martin had clothed the poor man, Martin had clothed Christ. A few years later Martin told his commander that since he'd become a Christian, he could not kill.

Apparently, many of our WWII veterans also could not kill. A military study in the war's aftermath showed that most had avoided killing. Since then, US military training is designed to overcome the human resistance to ending another human's life. I am among those who conclude that this training and the resulting activities are part of the diminished lives of too many veterans, including Derek Chauvin and those who die by suicide.

Armistice/Veterans Day is still observed in some countries as Remembrance Day, a day to grieve those who died in the horror of war. Those currently under oath in the various forms of military also deserve support for their consciences and souls, especially as they may be called to take arms against other Americans. The GI Rights hotline is 1-877-447-4487.

May we remember St. Martin as we recall how President Eisenhower, himself a WWII General, said "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed."

As November 11 is observed, let's remember the words of Four-Star USMC Major General Smedley Butler: When we Glorify War, we are not honoring the dead, we are enticing the living to join them."

Local history of resisting slavery laws of the land

Amy Blumenshine

Check out the book and/or visit the Hennepin History Museum exhibit on Eliza Winston. Back in the day when enslavement of African-descended people was the law of the South, the Supreme Court was intentionally staffed with slave holders. In 1857, they determined that Dred Scott, an enslaved man working for his "master" at Ft. Snelling, had to continue in slavery: that a black person had no rights that a white person had to

respect! (That decision also overturned prior law, upending the Missouri Compromise.)

People of color had to prove they were a person. Patrols could demand: Show me your papers; prove that you have a right to freedom. (Note the similarity to ICE patrols.) Nevertheless, in that oppressive past context, Winston, a woman born in slavery, persisted in demanding her freedom. She found support from activists in Minneapolis and prevailed in being released from the cruelty of slavery in 1860.

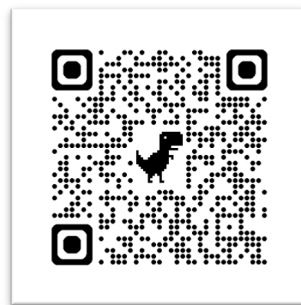
It Took Courage: Eliza Winston's Quest for Freedom by Christopher P. Lehman is available through the Hennepin County Library. An exhibit about Winston, including how Minnesotans did and did not challenge the injustice of national policies is being shown at the Hennepin History Museum, just across 35W from the church at 2303 3rd Avenue S., open Thursday-Saturdays. While you're there, also check out another exhibit "Puppetry as an Agent of Change."

Act to support SNAP

Amy Blumenshine

ELCA World Hunger is asking people to contact lawmakers and the Department of Agriculture to release SNAP contingency funds and to ensure no delays in hunger benefits during the government shutdown.

Use the QR Code below.



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

November 2

Isaiah 1:10-18
Psalm 32:1-7
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

November 9

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 16

Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 23

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

November 30

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

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PRAYER LIST

Prayers for Pastor Esther and her family as they grieve the death of her uncle, Berehman Sianipar in Jakarta. God, bring comfort and peace.

Cam Rogers, hospitalized after a few falls. Pray for healing and strength.

Janet, Sheryll Mennicke's aunt recently died. Janet is Joy Mennicke's twin sister. Pray for Janet's family as they grieve during this time of loss.

Shari, Jeanne Asp's daughter had another seizure. Pray for healing and strength for both Shari and Jeanne as Jeanne is trying to be present for her daughter but still healing from her broken neck.

Kiki, Marki Wogstad-Hansen's sister's husband passed away unexpectedly. Pray for healing and comfort as they grieve and navigate this time of loss.

Paul Hnath, for strength and endurance.

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.

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. Pray for both of Laura's parents as they move to Wayzata from Iowa for the winter. 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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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, who is undergoing treatment for 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.

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.

November at Our Saviour's

Saturday, November 1	9am-Noon	Quilting (HC)
Sunday, November 2	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-1pm	Worship Table after Service
Tuesday, November 4	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, November 5	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	Community Crafty Night
	7pm	Contemplative Prayer Service
Thursday, November 6	10am-Noon	Flu Shot Clinic
Sunday, November 9	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, November 11	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, November 12	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, November 15	9am-12am	Quilting (HC)
Sunday, November 16	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)
	12:30am-3:30pm	Recital (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, November 18	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, November 19	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, November 22	10am-12pm	Property Work Day
Sunday, November 23	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, November 25	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, November 26	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the bus stop (DABS)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
Thursday, November 27		Thanksgiving
Saturday, November 28	9am-12am	Quilting (HC)
Sunday, November 30	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)