

The Sentinel

September 2026

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

Wisdom from Romans

Pastor Martha

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve God. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are... 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:9-16, 21

September is a time of so many transitions. As summer turns to fall, a new school year begins. Here at church, we enter a new year of faith formation for all ages, and we have a new schedule for our Sunday mornings: 9:30 worship, 10:30 hospitality, and 11am faith formation for all ages. New patterns, new people, new places to be. I know I always feel a mix of excitement and stress as I get ready for big transitions. Perhaps you and those you care for are feeling big feelings too.

We are a community that is ‘centered in Christ,’ as we proclaim in our mission statement. I found these words of encouragement from the Apostle Paul in Romans chapter 12 as our community gathered for bible study this last Wednesday. This Romans text reminds us of our central call: to live the love that we receive through God in Christ. This call to love is a call to humility, care, hospitality, endurance, and solidarity, and as we live this call in community with one another, we begin to live God’s dream of beloved community.

As a new season unfolds, I invite you to find moments of holy pause to pray, read Scripture, and remember that you are God’s precious and beloved child, made for beloved community.

OSLC FALL PROGRAMMING

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

STARTING SEPTEMBER 16

5:30-6:15: COMMUNITY MEAL

6:15-7:15: GOSPEL OF MARK LAB

7:15-8: ADULT CHOIR

Wednesday Community Meals Are Back!

Join us every Wednesday from **5:30–6:15 PM** for our new and improved vegetarian community meals, lovingly served by **Marcin, Alex, and Teresa**. Come hungry, leave happy! Enjoy a delicious meal, make new connections, and share some nice conversation with the community. **Good food. Good company. Good vibes.**

See you Wednesday!



Wednesday nights this Fall: Gospel of Mark Lab Starting September 16, 6:15 - 7:15pm, after community meal

Sam Bardwell

This fall, everyone is invited to play, dance, wonder, imagine and embody our way through the Gospel of Mark on Wednesday nights. Come elders and babies and everyone in between, come dreamers and doubters, come one and all, come sometimes or all the time!

As we gather weekly to explore Mark's Gospel, we will bring our various and sundry gifts to bear. Understanding ourselves as expressive vessels for the stirring of the Spirit, no gift of expression will be dismissed. Some will lift up their voices in proclaiming the good news, some their instruments, some their paint brushes, some their knitting needles.

After the fall season spent workshoping and incubating and metabolizing the text, we will return in the new year with a script and staging specifics as we home in our particular telling of the Gospel. Come January,

rehearsals will again take place on Wednesday evening and will culminate in several public performances. I hope you will join us!

What you can expect from time in the Gospel of Mark Lab this fall: creative, embodied warm-ups that get us in our bodies, imaginative ways into the text, collaborative brainstorming and wondering, fresh expressions and epiphanies. This will be a different form of 'bible study' from what you've experienced in the past.

We will journey our way through the Gospel of Mark, selecting stories from within the chapters below to focus in on in our work and play together. If you can't make it on Wednesday nights, please read along at home - and I would gladly welcome your creative input via email or conversations as we bring the Gospel of Mark to life.

Fall Schedule - Gospel of Mark Lab texts

Sep 16 Mark Chapter 1

Sep 23 2-3:6

Sep 30 3:7-4

Oct 7 5

Oct 14 6

Oct 21 7-8:10

Oct 28 8:11-9:29

Nov 4 9:30-10

Nov 11 11-13

Nov 18 14-16

Beloved Community, we are called to share the good news of Jesus Christ. This year at OSLC you are uniquely invited into this evangelism, this sharing of the gospel witness, as we dedicate ourselves to this Gospel work together.

Adult Choir will start back Sunday Sept. 13th for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday!

Kent Goodroad

Rehearsal will start @ 9 am. Wednesday evening rehearsals will resume Sept. 16th @ 7:15-8 PM. This fall, the adult choir will sing in worship the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month (with a few exceptions - choir members check your emails for details).

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.org) or Alyssa (alyssa@oursavioursmpls.org).

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.org) or Alyssa (alyssa@oursavioursmpls.org).

September Mission of the Month: The English Learning Center

The English Learning Center, a program of Our Saviour's Community Services (OSCS), provides free adult basic education courses right in the basement of OSLC!

On Mondays-Thursdays, year-round, classes are offered in the mornings and evenings. Students can attend either in person or online.

Classes are taught by volunteers, who are trained and supervised by ELC staff.

During our 2025 - 2026 fiscal year:

625 students studied English at the ELC



These students spent a record 51,747 hours learning in ELC classrooms!

Students came from 44 different home countries and spoke 29 first languages

177 volunteers shared 4,950 hours teaching at the English Learning Center, in online and in-person classrooms.

The ELC currently offers seven different levels of English classes. Students take a placement exam when they enroll in the program and are "post-tested" at regular intervals to make sure the class they are in matches their skill level.

44% of "post-tested" students moved up at least one level during the year

In August, special programming allows ELC students to get to know the community of Minneapolis better. Recent field trip destinations included the Minneapolis Institute of Art, the American Swedish Institute, the sculpture garden, and the downtown Central Library.

As many of you know, the English Learning Center was initially formed in 1981 as a mission of OSLC.

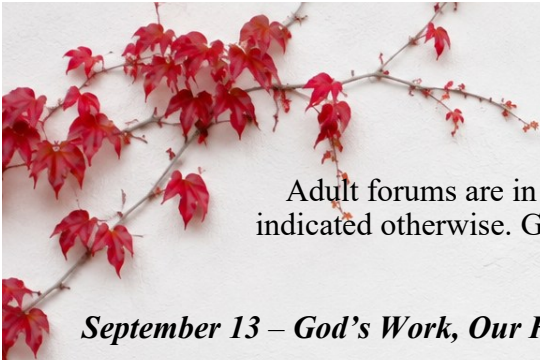
Your Mission of the Month gift to the English Learning Center will help us continue supporting those in our community seeking English instruction.

Jennifer Manthey

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photos: ELC students view exhibits on a recent field trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Art.



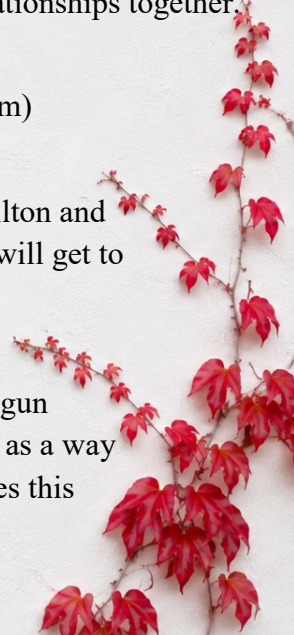
Adult Forums for September

Adult forums are in the Hospitality Center at 11am and available live on Zoom unless indicated otherwise. Gather and learn as we grow in our faith and relationships together.

September 13 – God’s Work, Our Hands activities for all ages (no forum, no Zoom)

September 20 – Meet and Greet with Kingian Nonviolence Trainers – Nikesha Tilton and Bruce Bryan are in town for our Kingian Nonviolence Training this weekend. We will get to know them and have a conversation together.

September 27 - Kingian Nonviolence Center exploration – OSLC Council has begun exploring the possibility of having a Kingian Nonviolence Center at Our Saviour’s as a way of living out our call to be the church today. We will have a number of opportunities this fall to explore this possibility together, including learning from other Kingian Nonviolence Centers around the country.



Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday, September 6 at 10:30 AM

We’re worshipping together!

Pastor Esther

On Sunday, September 6 at 10:30 AM, we will gather with our church neighbors for our annual Shared Worship Service!

Please note: We will NOT worship at Our Saviour’s that morning. Instead, we’ll gather at All Nations Indian Church, who will be our host this year.

**All Nations Indian Church
1515 E. 23rd Street
Minneapolis, MN 55404**

Each year, All Nations Indian Church, Augustana Lutheran Church, Messiah Lutheran Church, Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, and San Pablo/St. Paul Lutheran Church come together for worship, fellowship, and a shared meal. This year, we are excited to gather at All Nations!

We are especially excited to have Pastor Kendrick Hall from Messiah Lutheran Church, as the preacher, and Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy from All Nations Indian lead us with children’s message. Our pastors will also join in leading worship, presiding, and assisting with Holy Communion. We will have a variety of music and movement!

And after worship, we’ll break bread together with a potluck!

Bring your favorite dish to share and come ready for joyful fellowship, and a wonderful time with our church neighbors.

See you **Sunday, September 6 at 10:30 AM** at **All Nations Indian Church!**

Congregational Letter from August 11 – Fall Sunday Schedule Changes

President Samantha Heaton and Pastor Martha Bardwell, on behalf of OSLC Council

This letter was sent to OSLC member households on August 11. We are reprinting it here to make sure everyone sees it. Please do reach out to us with your input and feedback.

Dear OSLC members and friends,

Grace and peace to you from our loving, gracious, ever-creating, ever-redeeming God!

We are reaching out to inform the whole congregation of some important shifts to our Sunday morning life together for this fall. During these summer months, we have embraced the holy experiment of worshipping at 9:30am. OSLC Council has decided that we will be continuing with a 9:30 worship time this fall through the end of 2026. We will add hospitality time and faith formation for all ages after worship.

Our schedule will look like this beginning on God's work, Our Hands Sunday, September 13:

9am – Choir rehearsal

9:30am – Worship

10:30am – Hospitality time

11am – Faith Formation for all ages

- September 13 – God's Work, Our Hands activities for all ages
- Starting September 20 - Adult forum, Confirmation, Sunday School, Godly Play, Nursery

We recognize that a change to Sunday morning schedules can be difficult and stressful for some. Know that OSLC council has been careful in our discernment, and this decision comes after a long process of engaging with OSLC council, staff, community and faith formation (MCFF) table, worship table, and Sunday school, confirmation, and Godly Play leaders. Care for the whole, intergenerational, vibrant body of Christ has been central in our discernment.

Out of that spirit of care, here are the main reasons for this shift:

- **Worship is at the heart of our life together.** Being “centered in Christ” has always been at the core of who we are. This new schedule invites us to be more intentional about allowing what we experience in

worship to flow into our hospitality and faith formation time.

- **We have an incoming confirmation class of 16 middle and high school students. WOW.** Take a moment to praise God! We have historically struggled to find a confirmation time that works. 9am is too early for this age group; in the past, meeting after 10:30 worship has meant that families with young and older children are at church from 9-2, which is too long. Having confirmation at the same time as all of our other faith formation activities makes sense for families and youth.

- **This schedule allows for a more natural way to welcome and get to know visitors and newcomers.** Many people who have visited Our Saviour's have offered feedback that Our Saviour's isn't the most friendly and welcoming place. Of course, that isn't everyone's experience. Part of this has been because folks have tended to scatter when 10:30 worship ends and haven't taken time to notice and welcome newcomers. With this change, hospitality time flows right out of the shared experience of worship. Our hope is that this flow helps a more welcoming culture take root among us.

- **We can announce topics and special guests for 11am adult forums in worship.** Let's be honest, many of you don't read the weekly updates, Sunday morning emails or Sentinel. Life is busy and inboxes are full! In the past, some of you have said "If I had known this was going to be the forum, I would have come at 9!" With our new schedule, people can find out the day-of what's happening in the adult forum.

The total time we are at church is essentially the same as the old schedule – it's still about 9am – 12pm – and in that sense this seems minimally disruptive to the whole.

Of course, there are plenty of risks and unknowns with changing our schedule, too. This is where we are inviting YOU and the whole congregation to be open and curious listeners and noticers. How are things going with this change, for you and for others?

Please do reach out to Pastor Martha, Pastor Esther, President Samantha Heaton or other council members with your feedback, noticings and wonderings as we live into this change. We really want to hear from you. Council, ministry tables and staff will be listening and receiving your input as we decide whether this schedule change (now through the end of 2026) continues into 2027. We will make a decision sometime in November and will communicate the decision to the entire congregation.

Thanks for your faithfulness and partnership in ministry, and thanks be to God for this vibrant community of faith!

Celebrate Our Recent Music and Movement Camp!

Pastor Esther

More than 40 young children bravely walked through our doors with their caring adults and parents, ready to learn, explore, and engage in our Music and Movement Camp, held August 17–20!

On the first day, many of the children arrived late as first-time visitors found their way to our church. But after that first day, the next three days were filled with children arriving on time, full of high spirits, energy, and joy!

The children loved learning to dance and showing off their moves with a professional dancer LaTanya Cannedy, They played drums and made their own beats with the wonderful mentor Daryl Boudreaux, assisted by our own Catherine Preus, and engaged in arts and crafts each day with different leaders such as Nancy Nyangard Johnson, Sharon Delcambre, Liz Lewis and Max Lindley with a support from Sarah Lindley. Amazing! The spirit is alive in our space and in the joyful expressions of these young children! Let it be so!

Thank you to Kent Goodroad and Alyssa Schwitzer, who co-led the camp, and to all the volunteers – Julie & Harmon Abrahamson, Paula Keller, Carol Hornbeck and Mike Troutman who helped make it possible and participated in the dance. We are also so grateful for our youth leaders, Khenna and Khonni !Khabeab and Ziggy Smith who showed up with such joy, grace, and enthusiasm.

What a beautiful week of music, movement, creativity, community, and joy! We give thanks for all the ways God's Spirit was moving among us and through these wonderful young people.



Kick Off Confirmation!

Confirmation begins on Sunday, September 20!

Pastor Esther

All students in grades 6–10 this year are invited to join us for our first meeting!

We will meet in the Conference Room from 11:00 AM–12:00 PM.

Haven't signed up yet? No problem! You can still come to our first meeting. We would love to see you and have you join us as we begin this year of learning, growing in faith, and building community together!

For more information, please contact Pastor Martha or Pastor Esther.

We look forward to seeing you on September 20!

Stories from the Green Team Part 2: Energy Efficient Church

Sharon Delcambre

Hello from the Green Team! We have been hard at work over the past year in support of OSLC's strategic goal to care for creation and support climate justice. This is the second in a series of articles sharing what we have been up to and inviting you to join the conversation. -Sharon, Ethan, Amy, Joel, Seth, and Pastor Martha.

Did you know that OSLC spends more than \$33,000 per year to provide electricity and natural gas to the church? We know that a large building like ours requires a lot of energy to run smoothly! But we also want to make sure we are using energy in an efficient way whenever possible. To help us learn more, a fresh energy audit of the church was conducted in February of 2026 by EnerChange. Here is what we learned:

Electric use has been relatively stable over the past 3 years. The vast majority of electricity consumption (81%) is from baseload use including lighting, pumps, fans, office equipment, and kitchen equipment. Electrical use is slightly higher in summer than winter due to air conditioning.

Natural gas use is closely tied to the outdoor temperature and how much heat is needed to keep the building comfortable during the cool season. Heating the building accounts for 80% of the natural gas use. Remaining use is attributed to water heating and kitchen equipment.

- We are already actively saving energy and money in many ways:
- We are enrolled in Savers Switch and Nonprofit Energy Savings programs through Xcel Energy
- We are installing solar panels to make some of our own electricity
- We use mostly all LED interior and exterior lighting
- We have occupancy sensors on bathroom fans
- We use programmable thermostats

There are more opportunities to save energy/money that we can pursue now or in the future:

- We are enrolling in CenterPoint's energy savings program for nonprofits to enable future rebates
- We plan to install new door sweeps and weatherstripping
- We can upgrade remaining non-LED lighting to LED
- We can install an electric heat pump water heater when our current water heater fails
- We can plan ahead to replace kitchen equipment with ENERGY STAR models when they break

Finally, we know that our heating and cooling (HVAC) system is nearing "end-of-life", so we are actively researching ways to keep our system running as long as possible and plan ahead for our next system.

INVITATION: If you have an interest or knowledge in HVAC systems, we would love to have you contribute to this work! We are currently looking for one or more people to help us get quotes for modernized HVAC systems - please reach out to our team if you want to help!

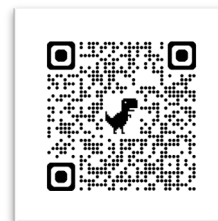
UPCOMING:

September 13 – connect with the Green Team at “God’s Work, Our Hands”

October 26 - save the date for “Ready Camp”, an evening event led by the City of Minneapolis to help us each learn how to prepare for an emergency or disaster.

Volunteer Help Request – Property Preparation for Indigenous Protector Movement

***Zoe Meyers, Volunteer Coordinator
at Our Saviour’s Community Services***



Dear Church Community,

As many of you know, Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church is in the process of transferring the “Green House” on Elliot Avenue to the Indigenous Protector Movement (IPM) as part of an ongoing commitment to reparations, healing, and relationship-building in our south Minneapolis community.

As current residents transition to new housing, we are preparing the property for IPM's arrival on October 1. We hope to leave the home in excellent condition so that IPM can immediately focus on their important work in Indigenous-led advocacy and community safety.

Volunteer Request: We are seeking individuals and groups to assist with cleaning, painting, and light repairs. Volunteer work will take place during September.

Sign Up: To view available volunteer opportunities and sign up, please use the QR Code above.

If none of the posted times work for your schedule, please reach out to me directly and I will do my best to arrange another time for you or your group to volunteer. No experience is necessary—we appreciate all help! Kids under 12 must always be supervised by an adult volunteer or chaperone.

Contact information: Zoe | volunteer@oscs-mn.org | 612-386-6626



Connect for Climate: Neighboring for People and Planet...

Amy Blumenshine

Please consider attending one of the several meetings happening in September that seek to continue action in Minneapolis to address climate issues. We see this as an extension of being a good neighbor! One gathering is September 23 at Matthews Park and another is September 26 at All Nations Indian Church. OSLC allies with UNIDOS in many ways, especially as we consider geothermal HVAC.

<https://unidos-mn.org/events>

God's Work. Our Hands.

Pastor Esther

Would you like to meet some of our partners? Would you like to participate in a family-friendly service project? Maybe you'd like to help tie a blanket, try your hand at quilting, or learn more about our ministries. Or perhaps you simply want to catch up after the summer and share stories with one another!

Come join us after worship on Sunday, September 13, at 11 AM for God's Work. Our Hands.

Our Evangelism and Outreach Team will be in the Hospitality Center and backyard, where we'll get our hands busy serving our neighbors, connecting with our partners, and spending time together as a community.

There will be opportunities for everyone to participate, including helping with hygiene kits, tying blankets, quilting, and other service projects.

We need volunteers to help with the hygiene kits! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pastor Esther at esther@oursavioursmpls.org. Come join us as we put our faith into action!

New Parking code for September thru December

Nancy Nygaard Johnson

Our new parking code for the Hope Academy Ramp will start September 1st and will be good thru December. Pick up a new parking card for your car at church. You can also call the church office during business hours or email me at n2j2@comcast.net for the code. The old code will be good for the first couple of weeks in September in case you don't get the code right away. Please remember that during the school day, please park on the 3rd level or above so the teachers and staff can park on the first two levels.

OSLC Records Updating

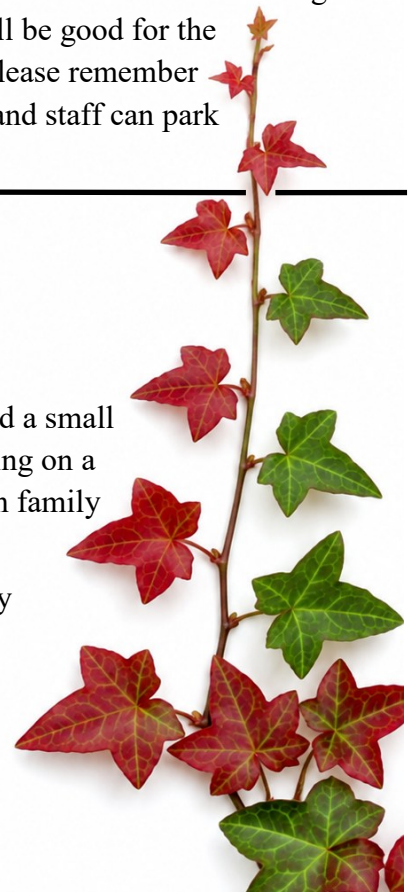
Nancy Nygaard Johnson

Back in January, I had an article in the Sentinel about updating our records. I did a small pilot in early 2026, but the results were not what I had hoped for. So, I'm working on a new method to get updates. Starting in September I will be reaching out to each family at church with my list for you to review and give updates.

I'll be doing this before and after church, during Hospitality time, on Wednesday nights during our programming, and at other times when we are gathered.

It shouldn't take more than a few minutes for you to review.

I will try and work alphabetically thru the list. If you want more information about what the data is used for, you can find the article in the January Sentinel on the church website.



Thou Shalt Not Kill

Deacon Amy Blumenshine, PhD

Many speak of this being a time of apocalypse. Apocalypse can be understood as unveiling truth that is often obscured. It behooves us as people of faith, ever on the grow, to reflect on what we have noticed with the veils removed. What have you been surprised to realize?

A number of us were surprised this winter to learn how brutally we were treated by those we'd been brought up to respect. Federal ICE agents (public servants?) acted lawlessly and harmfully with impunity while citizens were punished (and even killed) for constitutionally protected actions. We had to protect our children (our children!) from such "public servants" who showed callous disregard to their well-being. All the while we heard obvious lies from federal government "authorities."

Those who protested the lawlessness continue to be surveilled and punished (on our dime!) while the actual death-dealers remain un-charged.

Of course, the massive death-dealing is in war-making. Here the veils are stripped, as well. The excuses of national defense are gone. We are funding a department of war, with the stated goal of maximum lethality, including threatening to obliterate a civilization overnight. This is not the virtue of protecting our families.

The purpose of war is revealed as armed robbery. As the current president explained, what he would like to do in Iran is take their oil since it has worked so well with Venezuela. Venezuelan oil and oil revenues now flow to the US where the US controls them (Caracas then petitions for funds.) The war on Iraq – which was never a threat to the US—also has resulted in the US controlling their oil revenues. In the US/Israel war of aggression against Iran, the US is already claiming the Strait of Hormuz as US territory—clearly contrary to maritime law.

War also steals wealth and opportunity from our people whose own needs are not addressed, even as we and our descendants must pay for massive war expenses. Most of these expenses are charged to the national debt. According to Rev. William Barber II in his essay on our moral moment: "We have, in five and half months of an illegal and immoral war, wasted enough money to pay for everything the current Congress told poor and low-income people we could no longer afford just last year." (Worth reading <https://ourmoralmoment.substack.com/p/on-the-situation-of-most-americans>)

And also, war steals from our planet's wellbeing—burdening the "planetary load" of stresses/pollutants that biological life can sustain— a gross defilement of the commons.

The veil/claim that the US is making war to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weaponry is shattered. It was the US who shared nuclear capability with Iran under the Shah, at the time considered our puppet. Now the US intends to share/proliferate nuclear capability with Saudi Arabia. What could possibly go wrong?!

As Christians, we are called not to lie, to steal, or to kill. We are called to love our neighbor.

Under current US law, every male is registered without their will to be conscripted into the military (while of "fighting age") to kill on the command of the president. It behooves them and their families to have prepared the case for their possible claiming exemption due to conscientious objection. This article could be saved as an example of the formation of their religious beliefs. {Females might also be made vulnerable to the draft in the future.}

During this time of moral turmoil, as an "action item" and part of ongoing spiritual growth, I invite everyone to find some time to seriously reflect. What can I see now that some veils have been removed?



Women's Wilderness Adventure
September 10-13, 2026
at Wilderness Canoe Base on the Gunflint Trail
near Grand Marais Minnesota
Linda Thorson



Join us for our longest-standing retreat, where we will celebrate our 2026 theme "Sacred Water."

Enjoy staying on Fishhook Island, surrounded by clear, fresh water. You can appreciate the beauty of Seagull Lake by canoeing, taking moments of solitude or jumping into the lake after a hot sauna. Reflect on your experiences with good conversation and creative activities. This group of women explores, creates, and socializes together, and spends significant time enjoying the company of one another throughout the weekend. Whether you have been to Wilderness Canoe Base many times or never at all, this is a great opportunity to join an incredible community of wilderness women!

A canoe trip is available, September 13-16, 2026

More information and registration with this QR Code

We are excited to have more than 60 people registered for our second Kingian Nonviolence Training Level 1 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, September 18-20!

We will also have Pastor Babette Chatman to be our guest preacher on the Sunday of the training September 20!

Pastor Esther

Participants are joining us from local churches, colleges, seminaries, and the wider community—including someone traveling all the way from Washington, DC. We are especially excited to welcome our pastor colleagues from the Saint Paul Area Synod and our guest co-trainers, Nikesha Tilton, Director of Training at the Selma Center for Nonviolence, Truth and Reconciliation, and Bruce Bryan, a nationally known justice advocate who was wrongfully incarcerated for almost three decades.

We are also grateful to welcome Pastor Babette Chatman as our guest preacher on Sunday, September 20. Nikesha and Bruce will join us for worship and conversation during our 11 AM Adult Forum.

Registration has passed on August 31. But if you are able to attend, you may sign up using the link or QR code on the attached poster.

We would love to welcome you!

More information can be found with the QR Code



September Hospitality and Ushering Volunteers

Jeanne Heer

Hospitality will be at 10:30AM after worship.

This month’s volunteers are members whose last name begins with S through Z. If this includes you, please sign up for a couple slots on the QR Code below.

If you have questions please contact the Team Leaders:

July Team	Team Leaders
Last names S - Z	<i>Paula Keller plkeller53@gmail.com</i> <i>Lucy Selander lucyseland@gmail.com</i>

Please use the QR Code to go to the signup Genius to help or bring treats



Lectionary Text for Home Devotions

September 6

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 13

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 20

Jonah 3:10—4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September 27

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

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PRAYER LIST

School and universities are back in session! Please pray for OSLC families, caring adults including grandparents, teachers, educators, children, youth and those that are impacted by the school year, may they find joy, strength and grace as they enter the new school year.

Karen Winans is experiencing pain all over her body. She has limited movements. Please pray for her strength and comfort.

Marie Svang is feeling better and doing physical therapy. Please pray for strength, comfort, and endurance.

Jim Unglaube was experiencing knee pain following a fall. He is doing better. Please pray for strength, healing, and comfort.

Angela !Khabeb continues physical therapy at home. Please continue to pray for full recovery.

Mary Thurow is in the end stages of liver disease. Please pray for strength, healing, and hope as she faces this difficult illness. Also pray for her husband, John Thurow, and caregiver, that he may have strength, endurance, and peace as he supports her through this challenging time.

Pray for the safety of our immigrant neighbors as ICE continues to detain innocent people with legal status or pending status. Pray for those who are in detention, that they are safe and soon released.

Lawrence Johnson, Hawah Borbor's grandson, was deported to Liberia. Pray for Lawrence's family here - his 2-year-old, his mom Kema, Hawah, and all who miss him so. And pray for Lawrence experiencing stress of this new beginning of his life away from his family. May God protect, strengthen and guide him.

Martha and Faye Farchat, Cindy Devereaux's cousins, living in southern Beirut, Lebanon. Pray for safety as they live in the center where attacks are occurring.

Marilyn Preus, Mary Preus's mother, is in hospice. Pray for peace, joy, and loving support during this tender time.

Pray for our city—its leaders, pastors, lay leaders, medical teams, educators, families, and children—for healing and resilience.

Paul Hnath, for strength and endurance.

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

Our unhoused neighbors, who are spread out, seek shelter, mental health and stable housing.

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

Pray for our LGBTQIA2S+ siblings that they find the restoration of a community, justice and equity in this divided world.

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

Those who have lost their jobs or are looking for jobs, may they find strength, hope, and confidence as they seek new opportunities.

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.

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

Carolyn Green is recovering from chemotherapy and prays to remain cancer-free.

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, undergoing treatment for stage 4 breast cancer.

Julia Klatt Singer, sister of Dan Swenson-Klatt, is still recovering after a hit-and-run accident. She is back at work, but her heel has not fully recovered. Please also pray for the driver involved.

September at OSLC

Tuesday, September 1	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, September 2	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the Bus Stop (DABS)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
Friday, September 4	7am	Men's Breakfast
Sunday, September 6	9:30am	Shared Service at All Nations followed by Potluck
Monday, September 7		Office is closed for Labor Day
Tuesday, September 8	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (Hai Hai)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, September 9	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the Bus Stop (DABS)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
Saturday, September 12	9am-noon	Quilting (HC)
	8am-10:30am	Breakfast Club
Sunday, September 13	9am	Choir (Sanctuary)
	9:30am	Worship in Sanctuary and Online
	10:30am	Hospitality (HC)
	11am	God's Work. Our Hands activities (HC, Narthex, Backyard)
Tuesday, September 15	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, September 16	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the Bus Stop (DABS)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
Friday, September 18	5pm-9pm	Kingian Non Violence Training (HC)
Saturday, September 19	9am-5pm	Kingian Non Violence Training (HC)
Sunday, September 20	9am	Choir (Sanctuary)
	9:30am	Worship in Sanctuary and Online
	10:30am	Hospitality (HC)
	11am	Faith Formation all ages
	12:30pm-6pm	Kingian Non Violence Training (HC)
Tuesday, September 22	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)

Wednesday, September 23	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the Bus Stop (DABS)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
Saturday, September 26	9am-noon	Quilting (HC)
	3-4pm	Celebration of Life -Derrick Kimmons (2pm visitation, 4-6pm reception)
Sunday, September 28	9am	Choir (Sanctuary)
	9:30am	Worship in Sanctuary and Online
	10:30am	Hospitality (HC)
	11am	Faith Formation all ages
Tuesday, September 29	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, September 30	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts at the Bus Stop (DABS)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom