



OUR SAVIOR'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Connecting Faith to Everyday Life.

Mission Partnerships at Our Savior's

Here at Our Savior's we support over two dozen mission partnerships with money from our budget, time from our people, and special seasonal offerings.

We strive to do more than simply write a check for these mission partners. We support them in prayer; we invite their fellowship in worship and service; and we uplift their causes in our community, because we believe their success is our own.

In this guide you'll read about our mission partnerships, each of which is an expression of our Core Values of Worship, service, Learning, Generosity, and Community. We've arranged them this way as an introduction; as you get to know their work, you will see that almost all belong in more than one category.

We invite you to pray for these partners, to give to them generously, and to consider how you can engage them as you connect your faith to your everyday life.

Worship

Our mission support in this area provides financial assistance to emerging ministries of word and sacrament here in South Dakota. These are our sister churches that pave the way for the future of ministry here and around the nation.

Table of Grace

This ministry seeks lead people of Harrisburg to find "a life worth living around the table of grace." Emphasizing ministry to younger families, especially those who grew up outside the church, their child-friendly programming brings everyone together for a meaningful encounter with the God of the Gospels.

Pueblo de Dios

The first ministry of the ELCA to serve Spanish-speaking people in South Dakota. Pueblo partners with churches throughout Sioux Falls to generate programs that serve this growing and underserved population.

St. Dymas and St. Dymas Reentry and Reintegration Program for Returning Citizens

By bringing the hope and reconciliation of Christ “behind the walls” of the South Dakota State Penitentiary and the Mike Duffee State Prison in Springfield, St. Dymas speaks the promise of new life to people who have heard few words of grace. The St. Dymas reentry program assists men discharged from prison, giving them the support of a loving community as they remake their lives as responsible citizens.

WestSide Lutheran Church

In 2011, the ELCA began its ministry to the rapidly-expanding western edge of Sioux Falls. When the growing congregation moved into its own building in 2014, Our Savior’s sent members to join the new community there. When they called their first full-time pastor, they called Heidi Binstock, then an OSL pastor. In coordination with WestSide, we have begun to taper off our financial support as their ministry becomes self-sustaining; but we continue to support WestSide in prayer and partnership.

Church on the Street

This mission to the unhoused and homeless community in Sioux Falls began with the simplest notion: to bring worship and the Word of God to people who often feel excluded from society. Our Savior’s continues to partner with Church on the Street as its ministry becomes a national model for ministry to the unhoused.

Service

Because we are called to love all people, we encourage, equip, and provide opportunities to serve and reach out to all with God’s love.

Charis—Food to You

Charis Ministry Partners, a partnership of local ELCA Lutheran churches, combats poverty in Sioux Falls by providing food and household necessities to people on the margins. We support the Food to You mobile food pantry program. We also contribute to the January Necessities for Neighbors distribution of toilet paper, bath supplies, and diapers.

Project CAR

A ministry of Charis Ministry Partners, Project CAR is one of the few ministries in Sioux Falls directly addressing the transportation gap in our city. Members of OSL can call Project CAR to receive rides to church and, through its affiliate program Healthy Rides, to doctors’ appointments.

Meals on Wheels

This community service organization delivers meals to homebound individuals, providing interpersonal contact and a lovingly-prepared meal.

Learning

Because growth in faith is a lifelong endeavor, we provide, promote, and facilitate learning for Christian faith and living.

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

Lutherans Outdoors of South Dakota

Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp

These regional camping ministries provide our kids with essential spiritual development, even as they have fun and explore God’s creation. Studies have shown camping ministry plays a critical role in the formation of young Christians. From Confirmation retreats to summer horse and high adventure camps, each of these regional camping ministries provides opportunities that bolster the work we do here at OSL with our children, youth, and families.

Luther Seminary

The largest seminary of the ELCA, and also the closest to Our Savior's. Luther has an affiliation agreement with Luther House of Study at Sioux Falls Seminary, another mission partner.

Scholarships for ELCA Colleges

We financially support every Our Savior's student who attends a college and university of the ELCA—including our neighbor, Augustana University.

Luther House of Study

This innovative program hosted at Sioux Falls Seminary enables candidates for ministry—and also academically inclined laypeople—to take coursework required toward an MDiv. This affordable option means candidates can train for ministry right here in South Dakota, and then stay to serve the churches closest to home.

ELCA Missionary Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Johnson

Rev. Dr. Johnson serves as a seminary professor at the Lutheran Institute of Theology in Meiganga, where she equips future pastors to serve in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon. When she returns to the United States, Rev. Dr. Johnson visits OSL to share her recent experiences and insights into the global church.

Seminary House

Generosity

Because we are created in the image of God, the giver of all things, we challenge and encourage women another and ourselves as a congregation to be faithful and generous stewards of the time, talent, and financial resources God entrusts to us.

Lutheran World Relief

On an average day, the work of Lutheran World Relief creates positive change in the lives of 10,000 people around the world who suffer from famine, drought, poor water supply, disease epidemics, and other causes of poverty. OSL's work with LWR focuses on hunger relief and disaster response, whether that's an earthquake in Nepal or a tornado in Alabama. Our quilting ministry's quilts have appeared in pictures taken for LWR's national newsletter.

South Dakota Synod Mission Support

In 2019, over half our mission support will go to the South Dakota Synod to support its mission to the congregations of South Dakota. Too often, the individual congregation will look to the synod, our regional church body, for its help without giving anything in return. At Our Savior's, synod support is a cornerstone of our expression of generosity: we believe that our church can only grow stronger when we support our fellow Christians in every corner of the state.

The Community Outreach

When people hit times of crisis, The Community Outreach helps them get through the day with crisis care programs. The Community Outreach coordinates our direct benevolence to help people in crisis situations—people who need assistance with rent or utilities, for instance. Far more than simply writing a check, though, we have partnered with The Community Outreach to lease four houses owned by the church for the Hezekiah House project—creating a model for self-sufficiency and a path to home ownership.

Community

Because we share “one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all” (Eph. 4:5), we cherish opportunities to build up the one body of Christ through fellowship, learning, service, and worship together.

Lutheran Social Services

Providing everything from adoption to immigration and naturalization services, refugee resettlement to financial assistance, Lutheran Social Services is a critical partner in our ministry to the community of Sioux Falls. Through LSS, OSL has helped resettle and support refugees as they begin a new life in South Dakota.

Vecinos Unidos

In special partnership with Pueblo de Dios, Vecinos Unidos (“Neighbors United”) acts as a bridge to bring together communities that easily remain separate. Through Vecinos Unidos, many local Lutheran churches partner together with our Latino/a/x neighbors for mutual support and encouragement.

Hawthorne School Project

Our Savior’s supports children in our local schools, and we have a longstanding partnership with Hawthorne to help equip its neighbor, Augustana Lutheran Church, for a neighborhood block party that serves many of its students.

Facing Addiction

As opioid and alcohol abuse continues to change the lives of people in Sioux Falls, this ministry addresses its root causes while supporting families in the midst of crisis through education, events, and resourcing. This ministry is housed at OSL.

Bowden Youth Center in the Dakotas

Bowden Youth Center provides afterschool programming, tutoring, and support for the kids who need it the most. OSL has long supported their mission, and now we provide fellowship opportunities where OSL youth get to know kids who attend at Bowden, breaking down walls built by opportunity, economic disparity, school, and more.

Native American Ministries

At OSL, we have a history of building networks of relationship, trust, and support with our Native neighbors. We are currently exploring future partnerships as we recommit ourselves to this essential ministry.



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