



We can never be fully prepared for everything we might face. That is true in life, and it is true in the church. What we can do is prepare ourselves so that we are able to respond as clearly, efficiently, and quickly as possible when challenges arise. Those moments come to our building as well.

As temperatures pushed into the 80s this past week, we discovered that our largest HVAC unit is no longer working properly and has reached the end of its life. We have been able to get it running at about 20 percent capacity and are rotating which rooms we cool. We have also borrowed portable units from Augustana to help bridge the gap.

We will live with this reality for the next few weeks while a replacement system is ordered and shipped, which is expected to take about 4 weeks, and costs upward of \$240,000. We are doing our due diligence and checking on other bids at this time. In the meantime, we appreciate your flexibility and patience, and we are confident that we can keep our worship spaces comfortable. Thank you, Tim Schavee, for your quick work and support.

While this is an unexpected expense, it is important to recognize that the work done before I arrived has positioned us well. Because of that preparation, our leadership is moving forward to respond immediately with a replacement. It is a lot of money, but we have the reserves in place for this kind of moment. That foresight has made a difference, and in the coming months we will work to rebuild those reserves, knowing that ongoing maintenance is simply part of ministry. There is strong momentum in our congregation. Our library event, "Beyond the Books," welcomed visitors from across the community. Worship attendance has grown over the past two months. Plans are underway for new youth ministry opportunities this fall. Our stewardship outlook is encouraging, and fifteen households will join our congregation the first weekend in May. There is real energy and growth here.

A broken air conditioner is not a setback so much as a reality of ministry and an opportunity to respond together. As we approach the end of our fiscal year in June, one way that you can help us respond is through continued giving to the general fund, trusting that if our gifts exceed our expenses, those resources will help prepare us for what comes next. The council has authorized that any budget surplus will be directed in two ways. First, 9 percent will be given to our ELCA ministry tithe, as we do with all general fund giving. Any remaining surplus will be placed into a fund for future long-term maintenance and repair. This is one way we can take a meaningful step forward together through shared generosity.

Thank you for the many ways you continue to show up with generosity and care. It makes a difference.

With gratitude, Pastor Michael Stadtmueller

# SOSA: Supporting Faith Beyond our Walls

At Our Savior's Lutheran Church, we believe that faith doesn't stop at our doors. It grows when we step out into the world. That's where SOSA comes in.

SOSA, the Study or Serve Award, is a scholarship opportunity designed to support individuals as they grow in their faith through experiences like Bible camp, service learning, leadership development, and other ELCA-connected opportunities. These are moments where faith becomes real.

This summer, we are excited to share that OSL is supporting over 20 students as they head to Bible camp. Because of SOSA, many of these students are able to attend camp at a significantly reduced cost, opening the door for life-changing experiences they might not otherwise have had.

Camp is more than just a week away. It's a place where God is present in new friendships, in campfire songs, in quiet moments of reflection, and in the beauty of creation. It's where students begin to see that God is not just something we talk about on Sundays—God is active, moving, and deeply present in their everyday lives.

Thank you for being a congregation that values and invests in the faith formation of young people. Your support makes these opportunities possible, and the impact will be felt long after summer ends. SOSA is guided by a dedicated team from our congregation, including Madeline Trosvig, John Quello, Karen Schultz, and Beth Boyens, who work together to support and encourage these opportunities for faith growth. If you'd like to learn more about SOSA or how to support this ministry, we would love to connect with you.

## Palm Sunday 2026!



# Library News

From Kristie Schreck, Library Coordinator

Library Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9a.m.-Noon;

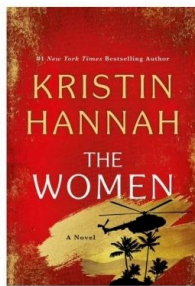
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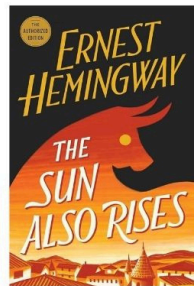


## OSL Community Library Book Club

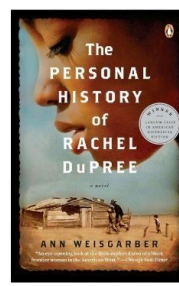
If you're interested in attending a Book Club but don't want to be committed each month to every book, please consider checking out our OSL Community Library Book Club! The book club meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the library. Check out our list of books being read in the months to come and if you see one, or more, you're interested in reading, please join us!



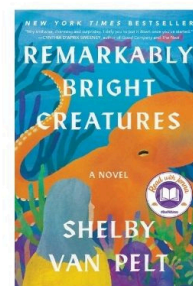
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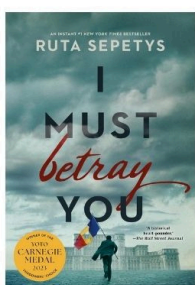
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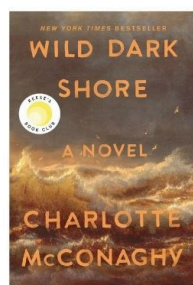
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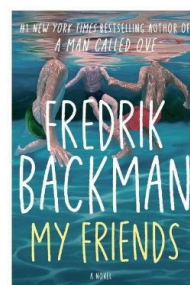
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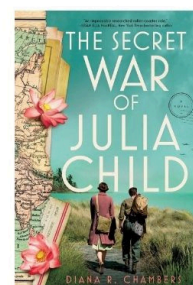
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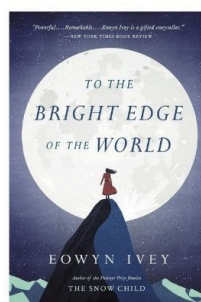
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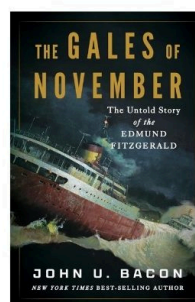
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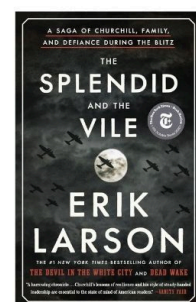
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# VBS- Last Call to Join the Adventure!

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, and this is your last call to be part of something meaningful, joyful, and faith-filled. This year, we are heading into the rainforest for *Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God*, where each day we'll discover simple but powerful qualities of who God is. God is our Creator. God is our safe place. God is love. God is forever. These aren't just phrases we'll say throughout the week. They are truths we will experience together through stories, songs, games, and relationships. At VBS, kids don't just hear about God, they see God in the kindness of a Crew Leader, in the encouragement of a volunteer, and in the community that forms throughout the week.

VBS will take place June 1–4 from 8:30 AM to Noon, and we are still in need of both participants and volunteers to make this week possible! If you have a child age 3 (must be fully potty trained) through a current 5th grade, we would love to have them join us. This is a place where they will be welcomed, known, and reminded that God is with them in every part of their life.

We also need volunteers of all ages. Middle school and high school students can serve as Crew Leaders, building relationships with younger kids and growing into leaders themselves. Adults are invited to step into roles as Rotation Leaders, helpers, or simply as caring, consistent presence throughout the week. God is at work in this place and VBS is one of the clearest ways we see that come to life. Register your child or sign up to volunteer online today, registration will close on May 20th. We can't wait to see how God moves through this incredible week!



Register here!



## Sunday School April Trial

During April, we tried a new Sunday School format to help better connect worship and learning while making Sunday mornings a little simpler for families. We've heard so many encouraging and positive comments, and it's been exciting to see more kids showing up for both worship and Sunday School. In the coming days, we'll be sending out a short survey to hear more from you about what worked well and what could be even better.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, teachers, and helpers who made this possible! Your flexibility and love for our kids truly made a difference. As we look ahead, we'll be using what we've learned from this trial to help shape what Sunday mornings might look like this fall.



# Chorus-pondence

Written by Gene LeVasseur

God created each of us with a unique gift with the purpose to serve. I have always been willing to serve but in my youth my motivation was often self-centered. My adult walk with God opened my eyes to the fact that I was created to serve God and my mantra has been “I’m here to serve.” Our Savior’s is full of so many people that share this purpose. As Christians, when we are serving we are ministering. Every day we have so many opportunities to serve and all of the folks that joyfully accept this opportunity get great joy in their “ministry.” Out in the world I assume that most folks that see our service don’t see it as ministry and that’s ok. If we serve with a spirit of JOY often we can build a relationship with those we serve and eventually they will realize where our JOY comes from. Jesus!

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” God has blessed me with the opportunity to passionately serve others at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church and I LOVE it. In what way can you see yourself serving others and LOVING it? Pray on this question and then try those ideas that come to your mind. One of the things that has really excited me at Our Savior’s is our new staff. Each of them have this “Spirit to Serve” quality that is inspiring and contagious. God bless us all with a “Spirit to Serve” that honors God and brings us joy.

Speaking of joy, the four boys pictured here participated in Joyful Noize for four years and will all be in confirmation next year. THANK YOU Eli, Martin, Henry, and Corban for bring us so much joy on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings in worship. You all have that spirit to serve and we are looking forward to your next steps in ministry at Our Savior’s.



## Friendship Club on May 5<sup>th</sup> | Hymn Sing

Pastor Tim and Gene Levasseur will lead the group in singing familiar hymns, as well as leading a discussion on the power and benefits of singing hymns & using music as a form of worship and self-care!

## Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Performance

Join us Saturday, June 27 at 7:00 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church for a performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat by the St. Stephen's Jubilation Choir! This talented youth choir from Bloomington, MN is made up of 45 students in grades 7 through 12 and is on their 37th summer tour, sharing this beloved musical across the country. The show is open to the public with a free will donation. Come enjoy an evening of music, energy, and storytelling!

## Augustana Performing at OSL | Mass in B Minor

Get ready for a musical celebration like no other! We are thrilled to announce that the Augustana Bach Collegium and School of Music ensembles will come together to perform the majestic Bach's Mass in B Minor on May 9, 2026! Experience the grandeur and spiritual beauty of this timeless masterpiece, performed by an incredible lineup including the Augustana Bach Collegium, Augustana Choir, Angelus, VikingKor, and the Augustana Orchestra. Join us at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD, for an unforgettable evening of breathtaking music and community spirit. Mark your calendars now — this is an event you won't want to miss! Tickets can be found on the Augustana Website.

## Vikings Night | May 17<sup>th</sup>

Vikings Night is Sunday, May 17 from 6 pm to Midnight and we are excited to welcome college students who have finals! There will be dinner provided, desserts, and a quiet space to work! We are looking for volunteers to make treats and/or help serve. Please call the Church Office or sign-up at the Welcome Center!

## OSL Summer Worship & Office Hours

As we move into the summer season, please note a few schedule updates. Beginning May 24, 2026, our summer worship schedule will include Celebrate Worship at 8:45 AM and Festive Worship at 10:30 AM. In addition, summer office hours will begin May 1, 2026. The church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM, and Fridays from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We look forward to continuing to gather in worship and stay connected throughout the summer months!

## Your Generosity Multiplied: LSS Matching Gifts

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we received a total of \$1,650 from this past Sunday's Lutheran Social Services drive, with an additional \$75 given directly to LSS, bringing the total to \$1,725. With the matching funds, that means our impact doubles to either \$3,300 or \$3,450 including the direct gift. We are grateful for the ways our community continues to show up in support of our neighbors through LSS.

## Coin Purses from Sioux Falls to Nicaragua

Bishop Hagmaier along with 7 others recently visited Nicaragua for the installation of their new Bishop the Reverend Katia Cortez which took place on April 26th at the Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope.

Several weeks prior to this Pastor Chris Matson from Church on the Street stopped by our Peace by Piece quilting room to pick up some things we were sharing with them. At that time, she mentioned she and her husband would be going to Nicaragua in April and about gifts they share with each other during these times of celebration and gatherings. She saw the small coin purses that Judi Hinz has been making for us and remarked about them being a perfect gift for this group to give as a remembrance of their time together with others that were planning on attending. Something created and gifted from the area in which they live. Of course, Judi kindly made and gathered together for her 25 coin purses in which a small wooden cross was placed inside each one.

We found it an honor that this small item is being carried over 3,000 miles to be shared with people from many other parts of the world that are coming together for this time of ministry and blessings in one of our companion Synod churches. We, of course, pray for their new Bishop and that the Holy Spirit guide her in all things helping to bring glory to God through prayers and the word.



## Thank You Volunteers!

National Volunteer Month in April celebrated the immense impact volunteers have on our lives in and outside of the church. Volunteers donate the most valuable thing we have and that is our time. Volunteers that keep our communities a great place to be by sharing their diverse talents. To those who greet us at the door, keep our coffee hot, our office functioning, our ministry teams moving forward and many, many more; Thank you!

## Bike Rodeo at OSL!

Grab your bikes and come join the fun at our Community Bike Rodeo on May 17 from 12–2 PM! Whether you're just learning to ride or already cruising the neighborhood, this is a great chance to build confidence, practice bike skills, and learn important safety tips. We'll have walking tacos, hands-on activities, and even free helmet fittings (and helmets if you need one!) to get you ready for a safe and exciting summer of riding. Bring your friends and family, we'd love to see you there!

SAVE  
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May 17 ✨  
12pm-2pm

OSL is hosting a  
community bike  
rodeo!



Join us for lunch, bike skills and safety. Get helmets fitted or receive a new one for free just in time for summer riding!