



Summer has a way of scattering us in wonderful directions. Some of us will travel across the country, others to nearby lakes, ballfields, patios, cabins, and family gatherings. When you join us at Our Savior's this summer, you'll notice three maps near the main entrance of the church. We invite you to place a pin where your travels take you this season. Whether your journey is far away or close to home, it will be a visual reminder that the spirit of this congregation stretches far beyond our building walls. We carry Christ's love into the world wherever we are. This summer at Our Savior's, our theme is "Better Together". It is a reminder that wherever we go, we remain connected as people of faith and as a community that loves and supports one another.

"Better Together" will also be our preaching theme. In scripture, we will explore how we can shine as individuals and how we can find ways to grow and uphold one another when we are together in ways we cannot do alone. In addition, summer at Our Savior's will be full of opportunities to reconnect, worship, serve, learn, laugh, and grow together. You'll find many of those opportunities throughout this newsletter, and we hope you'll join us whenever you can. Your presence matters. The church is strongest when we continue to show up for one another through every season.

One opportunity that I want to highlight is our summer "Songs for the Soul" Bible study. There will be two in-person opportunities to explore this topic together every month of the summer. We will also offer you an asynchronous option to explore this topic on your own or with your friends and family using video links that will be available within one week of each in-person session. Guides will be available online and can be printed out so that you can participate from wherever you might travel this summer.

Summer invites rest and adventure, but it is also helping us build toward an exciting fall ahead. New opportunities for connection, growth, worship, and community are already taking shape. We cannot wait to share more in the months ahead.

Until then, may this summer remind us all that we are always "Better Together."

Blessings and peace, Pastor Michael Stadtmueller

# Beyond The Books

It is with great pleasure that the library is celebrating, and recovering from, another amazing Beyond the Books event! We truly live by these words in the library in most everything we do. The books are available for checkout, but the conversations and experiences shared with us are certainly beyond the books that are checked in and out! Here are some highlights & quotes from this year's event:

- "When can we sign up for next year's event?"
- 384 ticketed guests were hosted!
- "Allen (Eskins) & I had a great time meeting wonderful people! This event is fantastic!"
- "I really enjoyed meeting all of those delightful book buyers!"
- "Appreciate all your efforts in creating a fun, interesting event!"
- "Your crew coming to check how things were going was so delightful."
- "The authors this year were exceptional!"

Result analysis from our vendors:

·Key Success Theme:

·1. Strong Community Experience

·Participants consistently emphasized the welcoming, connected atmosphere.

·"Meeting great people, friends old and new."

"Getting to be in the energy of incredible people, feeling so welcomed."

We, in the library, are most moved by the key success theme: **STRONG COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE!** The Elmen Family Foundation could not be more proud of the way their gift to the library is being used to build community!



## Library News

From Kristie Schreck, Library Coordinator  
Library Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9a.m.-Noon;  
Wed. 9a.m.-6p.m.; Sat. 4:30-6p.m.;  
Sun. 9:30-11:45a.m. | [www.oslchurch.com/library/](http://www.oslchurch.com/library/)



# Bike Rodeo

Our OSL Bike Rodeo was a wonderful success! Kids and families enjoyed an afternoon of bike safety activities, obstacle courses, helmet fittings, lunch, and lots of fun together. It was a joy to see the parking lot filled with laughter, encouragement, and community spirit. Thank you to all of the volunteers, families, and community partners who helped make the day possible!



# Violins of Hope: Sioux Falls

## NEVER FORGET HOPE



### Violins of Hope: Sioux Falls

An evening of music with instruments rescued and restored from the Holocaust, featuring professional and young musicians, poetry, storytelling, and a community talkback.

- Saturday, June 6, 2026**
- 7:00 PM** Concert, followed by Post-Concert Discussion and Q&A
- Hamre Recital Hall, Fryxell Humanities Center, Augustana University**  
2120 S. Grange Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57197
- Free event; Free-will donations will be accepted; Limited Seating**

Hosted Locally by Mount Zion Congregation and Curious Music Collective



June  
10<sup>th</sup>

**OSL  
SUMMER  
BLAST**

2026



Live  
Music!

*Cruisin' Classics Car  
& Motorcycle Show*

Bounce  
Houses!

*Cars on display by  
Great Plains Street  
Rodders & OSL  
Members!*

**4:30-7:30 PM**

**6:30 PM  
Outdoor  
Worship!**

*Brats, Burgers, and  
Chips by Miller  
Funeral Home & El  
Riad Shriners!*

# Chorus-pondence

Written by Gene LeVasseur

Pastor Michael has established a worship theme for this summer – “Better Together.” As we just celebrated Pentecost, the birth of the church, we are reminded that Jesus called 12 disciples to work together. After Jesus’ resurrection He sent the Holy Spirit to us and commanded us to gather together regularly to worship.

Ever since our grandchildren were born we’ve been taking them on vacations with us. Toni and I recently went on a wonderful vacation with our daughter and son-in-law. We would have enjoyed the vacation a little less without them - it was definitely “better together.”

I remember framing a house and learning about “synergy” – it was introduced to me by a carpenter. He said that synergy is when  $1+1=3$  and explained it this way; if I lay one 2x4 board across a gap it will support 100 lbs and if I connect two 2x4 boards across that gap it will support 300 lbs. When we worship together in person I feel synergy – the Holy Spirit with us in the room.



While on vacation I watched our worship services online and though I enjoyed them very much I feel strongly that worship is better together. Online worship opened up my mind. In person worship opens up my mind, heart, and soul. The bible calls us to love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength and love our neighbors as ourselves. I believe we can do this better when we’re together.

Of course there are times when we will be alone, and yet, we are not alone. God is always with us and if we take a moment to acknowledge God with us we are “better together” with God. I pray you will make in person worship a priority in your life and that with God you will experience synergy.



# Songs for the Soul

## A 6-Week Bible Study Exploring the Psalms Through Scripture and Song

The people of God we read about in scripture understood the complexities of feelings that they experienced. The Psalms gave them permission to feel all of these emotions in the presence of God - and the Psalms continue to give us that same permission today. Secular songs that we listen to are not an exact parallel but often connect to and express our feelings in such a way that they are worth exploring with the Psalms of Old.

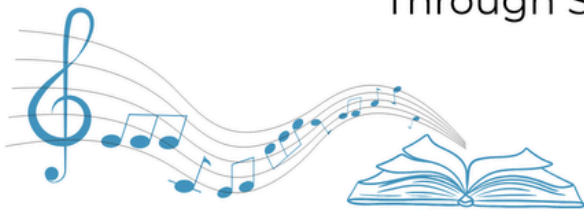
This Summer Bible Study will give you the opportunity to engage in person over the course of six weeks, with three consecutive weeks starting in mid-June and three consecutive weeks starting in late July:

Tuesdays 7-8 pm	Thursdays 11 am-12 pm	Theme
June 16	June 18	Lament
June 23	June 25	Praise
June 30	July 2	Thanksgiving
July 28	July 30	Trust
August 4	August 6	Wisdom
August 11	August 13	Justice

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Through Scripture and Song



Tuesdays & Thursdays  
in June & July,  
see calendar for details!

# Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

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!



THE JUBILATION CHOIR  
PRESENTS

# JOSEPH

JUNE 27 AT 7PM

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN  
909 W 33RD ST. SIOUX FALLS

## Book Talk | June



## Congregational Meeting with Potluck | June 28th

At 12pm on Sunday, June 28th, we will gather for a congregational meeting and potluck lunch after the services. OSL will be providing chicken, and members are invited to bring sides and desserts. At this meeting we will be voting on the new budget. Please make plans to join us!

## What Does a Stephen Minister Do?

She was single and pregnant. His wife told him she wanted a divorce. What do these two have in common? They asked for a Stephen Minister and, on video, shared their care receiver experience with Stephen Ministry.

Her Stephen Minister walked with her through her pregnancy, his Stephen Minister walked with him through his divorce. Both experienced unconditional love and support, because each Stephen Minister listened without judgement and with strict confidentiality. By not offering advice, the Stephen Ministers provided their care receivers the opportunity to talk openly about their feelings, thoughts, and concerns. By being supported and encouraged, the care receivers had the strength to move forward. Both expressed how their Stephen Ministry relationship changed their life.

That is what Stephen Ministers do. They show up. For as long as the need is there.

If you, or someone you know, are facing a challenging situation in life, ask for a Stephen Minister. Just contact Pr. Tim

# Finance Updates:

This summarized cash-basis Statement of Activity is a snapshot of the membership's financial support of the General Fund (daily ministry) of Our Savior's Lutheran Church through April. As we approach the end of our Fiscal Year, I have been looking at current and historical data, meeting with the Pastors, the treasurer, and each department to prepare OSL's future budget. We are moving to a true calendar year budget in 2027. We will have a short 6-month term (July 1 – December 31, 2026) and then a full 12-month calendar year budget (January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027) coming your way. This will be up for approval at the Congregational Meeting on June 28, 2026.

I am grateful to all you wonderful people that make up our congregation, and I am blessed for the opportunity to serve Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Every day, I get to see Jesus living through each of you. You bring his teachings to life through your actions, through your generosity in time, talents, and giving, and through the love you share. There is so much good happening at OSL and as we look forward to the next 18 months, I have faith it will continue.

On behalf of OSL, I just want to say thank you to every one, for every gift, great and small. May we all continue to live in the present moment and enjoy each day as it comes, as each day truly is our greatest gift.

God Bless you all.

Rudy Kreyer OSL Director of Operations

OSL Statement of Activity - 7.1.25 through 4.30.26	
General Fund Offerings	\$1,331,659.94
Noisy Offerings	\$4,316.49
Building Use Income	\$56,736.31
Building & Renovation Fund	\$19,350.00
Memorials/Estate Gifts	\$10,739.69
OSL Foundation Income	\$15,550.44
Designated Gifts	\$53,593.00
Ministry Departments Donations	\$100,662.98
Hockey Parking (Designated Funds)	\$22,862.00
<b>Total Offerings: July - April</b>	<b>\$1,615,470.85</b>

Facility Expenses	\$265,277.28
Administration Expenses	\$88,897.66
Personnel Expenses	\$816,970.92
Professional Expenses	\$9,226.85
Ministry Departments Expenses	\$138,143.60
Benevolence	\$145,632.56
<b>Total Expenses: July - April</b>	<b>(\$1,464,148.87)</b>
<b>Net Operating Income: July - April</b>	<b>\$151,321.98</b>

# Potluck & Punchlines 2.0

## POTLUCK & PUNCHLINES 2.0

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Join us for another fun-filled evening featuring delicious food, live music from the band Short Notice, and family-friendly comedy from Tim Boyd!

**29 JULY 2026**

IN THE GATHERING PLACE

6:00 PM- POTLUCK MEAL & LIVE BAND

7:00 PM- COMEDIAN BEGINS

OSLC will provide BBQ's for the potluck.

Bring a side dish or dessert to share!

Free will offering.





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### Worship is central to Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

*We offer two distinct worship styles:*

A traditional (organ/piano) service in our Sanctuary on Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. and on Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

Our Contemporary service is on Sunday 8:45 a.m. in the Celebrate Center with our praise band inspiring our time together



Facebook



OSL Website



YouTube Live  
(Recommended)



Facebook Live

Watch our Celebrate worship at 9:00 a.m. on Fox station KDLT.

Watch our Festive worship on cable channel 30 at 1:00 p.m.