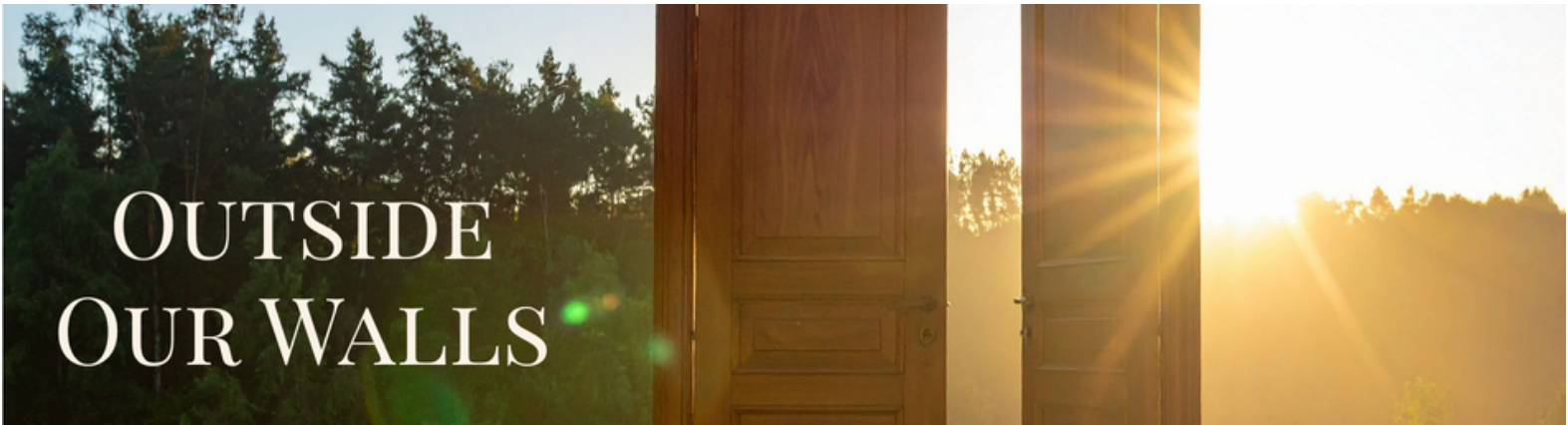




OUTSIDE OUR WALLS

One of the great gifts of Our Savior's has always been our heart for ministry beyond the walls of our building. For generations, members of this congregation have supported local organizations, global missions, disaster response efforts, and community partners who are making a difference in the lives of others.

In July, you had the opportunity to meet a new ministry team that will help us build on that legacy.

Outside Our Walls has been created to strengthen the connections between Our Savior's and the many outstanding ministries already serving Sioux Falls and communities around the world. Rather than reinventing the wheel, we want to celebrate, encourage, and partner with organizations that are already doing meaningful work.

This team will review our congregation's outreach efforts, helping discern which ministry partners are presented to the congregation throughout the year. They will help us identify opportunities to learn, serve, volunteer, and give, while ensuring that our support is thoughtful, intentional, and connected to our mission.

As a congregation, we believe we are called not only to care for one another but also to be a conduit for God's love beyond our own walls. Through Outside Our Walls, we hope to make it easier for every member to discover meaningful ways to become involved, whether through hands-on service, financial support, prayer, or advocacy. This ministry will also strengthen the partnership between our congregation, community organizations, and church leadership by creating a more coordinated and intentional approach to outreach.

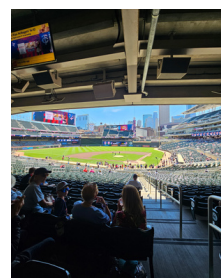
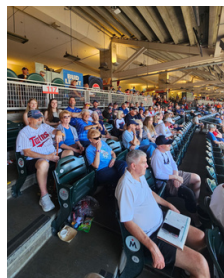
If you would like to learn more about Outside Our Walls, we invite you to join us for the monthly forums to learn about our various ministry partners. We'd love to help you discover where your passions and gifts might connect with God's work already happening in our community and around the world.

Together, we can continue planting faith, nurturing hope, and sharing God's love far beyond our walls.

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Michael Stadtmueller

Twins Baseball Trip

Another successful Twins Trip in July, filled with lots of baseball, laughter, and community!



THIS SEASON											
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OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA											
BACK TO SCHOOL											



OSL Serving at Church on the Street | August 8

Join OSL as we serve with Church on the Street on Saturday, August 8, from 9:30 AM–1:00 PM at Heritage Park. Help welcome guests, serve a meal, and share Christ's love with our neighbors. You can sign up to serve at the Welcome Desk. You are also welcome to simply show up and enjoy fellowship with our neighbors. We'd love to have you join us! Church on the Street is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community, worship together, and share God's love through hospitality and service. Following worship, OSL will be serving a meal, and we invite everyone to come and be a part of this meaningful day.

Blessing of Backpacks

As a new school year begins, we invite students of all ages, teachers, school staff, college students, and anyone beginning a new season of learning to bring their backpacks to worship on Sunday, August 23 for a special Blessing of the Backpacks. During both worship services, we'll pray for God's guidance, protection, and encouragement throughout the school year. Whether you're heading to preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, or serving in a school, we'd love to bless you as you begin this new chapter. Bring your backpack and join us as we start the school year grounded in God's love and surrounded by our church family.



Confirmation 2026-2027

Written by Madeline Trosvig & Pastor Greg Johnson

We're excited to kick off another year of Confirmation on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00 PM! Pastor Greg is coming back to teach our confirmation class, and we are all very excited to welcome him back! Confirmation is a time for students to ask big questions, grow in their faith, build relationships, and discover how God is at work in their lives. We'll begin the year with a Parent & Student Kickoff Meeting on Wednesday, September 9. This evening will give families a chance to meet our leaders, learn what the year will look like, receive schedules and materials, and ask any questions before we begin our regular weekly gatherings.

Following our kickoff, Confirmation will meet every Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM throughout the school year. Like last year, a meal will be served each week from 5:30–6:00 PM, giving students and families a chance to slow down, connect with one another, and share a meal before class begins.

We need your help, we're looking for Confirmation Guides! One of the most meaningful parts of our Confirmation ministry is the caring adults who walk alongside our students each week.

We're currently looking for Confirmation Guides—adults who have a heart for building relationships with middle school students and helping them grow in their faith. You don't need to be a Bible expert or have all the answers. Pastor Greg does the teaching and we provide the lessons, discussion questions, and materials each week. Your role is simply to be a consistent, encouraging presence who listens well, asks good questions, and reminds students that they are known, valued, and loved by God. If you're interested in serving as a Confirmation Guide this year, we'd love to visit with you! Please let Pastor Greg and Madeline know by filling out a volunteer registration form at this QR code! We can't wait to begin another year of learning, laughing, asking questions, and growing together!

Link for registration for both kids and volunteers:



OSL at Feeding South Dakota

Thank you to our team of 20 OSL volunteers who served at Feeding South Dakota!





**Our Savior's
80th Anniversary**



Potluck



with live music!

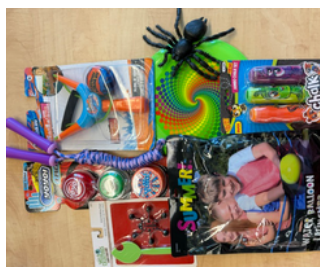
August 26, 6–8pm

OSL will provide burgers & hot dogs, members are invited to bring a side or treat to share!



Library Literacy Update

BINGO! Summer Reading Bingo wrapped up Monday, July 21st and we had 4 youth win amazing gift bags & 3 adults win Hy-Vee gift cards! Thank you to everyone who participated in some literary summer fun!



Please pardon our mess!

Pardon our mess while we accommodate our book collection and the humidity challenge! Several books are stacked and weighted down while we wait for our heating/cooling system to be addressed. You can still access all of our books!



Beyond the Books 2027

Beyond the Books 2027 is in full swing with ideas and plans already being made! Please mark your calendar for April 23rd & 24th! We may or may not already have our 1st author secured! Stay tuned!



Read Every Day in August

No prizes, no fanfare, no pictures, just a simple gesture to acknowledge how many people we know whose lives have been affected by cancer. In a quiet subtle way, please join the OSL Community Library by adding a ribbon to our display and making an effort to read every day in August in honor or memory of those impacted by cancer.



Connect with the Library

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/



Chorus-pondence from Worship

Written by Gene LeVasseur, Director of Worship

Greetings Friends in Christ,

Worship is central to our mission at Our Savior's and it takes about 50 volunteers every weekend to host our congregation and support our pastors in worship. There are many opportunities to serve in worship ministry for all ages. You can choose to serve when you want, as much as you want and you will find that through serving you will grow closer to God and the OSL community.

To all of those that currently serve in a worship ministries, **THANK YOU!** Your generous and joyful gifts of service are an amazing blessing to Our Savior's and our Savior, Jesus Christ. To all of you that are not currently serving in worship ministries, **PRAYERFULLY** consider serving on a worship team as we start up ensembles in September.

Communion Leaders – assist with setting up and serving communion.

Greeters – joyfully welcome all to Our Savior's worship.

Readers – read the scriptures in worship.

Sound Operator – operate the sound board for worship.

Media Operator – operate the media computer for worship (texts on the screens).

TV Production – operating cameras and/or the sound board.

Ushers – greeting, assist offering, communion, seating, sending.

Cantors – singers that lead the music in Festive worship.

Adult Choir – meets Sundays at 9:30am and sing at 11:00 Sunday worship.

Celebrate Band – meets Wednesdays 7:00pm and sing/play at 8:45 Sunday worship.

Joyful Noize – 3rd through 5th graders meet Wednesday evenings 6:00-6:45pm.

If you are interested in trying out any of our worship ministry teams please feel free to contact the church office or myself.

“SING” cerely,

Gene LeVasseur

OSL Logo Wear

OSL has opened an online shirt store! Lots of colors, styles, and sizes to choose from.

Order and pay directly through the company's website. Select "pick up at Our Savior's Lutheran" to avoid shipping fees.

Orders will be printed at the end of each month, with delivery following approximately three weeks after. We will notify you when your order arrives.



BINGO-cize at OSL

Join us for BINGO-cize at OSL, beginning August 5th! Registration required, please call (605) 333-4440 Ext. 1



STAND STRONG

Falls Prevention Program



BINGOCIZE® is a 10-week health promotion program that combines the game of bingo with fall prevention exercise. Come play bingo and meet new people while learning about techniques to reduce falls.

Location: Our Savior's Lutheran Church
909 W. 33rd St. Sioux Falls (Friendship Room)

Dates: Wednesdays and Fridays, August 5 –October 2, 2026

Time: 11:00am – 12:00 pm.

Registration is required, contact: 605-333-4440

Who should attend?

- Adults 65+ who enjoy bingo
- Anyone who has fallen or is concerned about preventing falls

What to expect?

- One hour of Bingocize®, two times/week
- 10 week session
- Bingo prizes
- Exercises adapted for varying levels of ability

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ROUTE #

OSL Kids Club: A New After-School Adventure This Fall

Written by Madeline Trosvig

We're excited to introduce something brand new at Our Savior's Lutheran Church this fall: OSL Kids Club! Beginning Wednesday, September 9, we'll be launching an 11-week after-school program for children Preschool (fully potty trained) through 5th grade. Kids Club will meet every Wednesday through November 18 as we pilot what we hope could become a regular ministry for children and families in our community.

This is something we've dreamed about for a long time. We know that families are looking for meaningful, faith-filled activities after school, and we're excited to see what God might do through this new opportunity. Since this is our very first year, we're treating it as a fall trial program. We'll learn together, gather feedback from families and volunteers, and prayerfully discern whether Kids Club could become a permanent part of life at OSL.

What is OSL Kids Club?

Think of it as a mini Vacation Bible School every Wednesday! Kids Club will meet from 3:30–5:30 PM each Wednesday. Children will spend the afternoon making friends, growing in their faith, singing, creating, playing, and discovering God's love through hands-on experiences. To accommodate different school dismissal times, we'll have a flexible arrival period from 3:30–4:00 PM. Children can come as they're able and will be welcomed with a snack and game time.

Children will be divided into age-appropriate groups, allowing each lesson and activity to be tailored to their stage of development! Each week, children will participate in three exciting rotations:

- Bible Discovery: Interactive Bible stories, ASL, and fun activities as we explore God's Word together.
- Choir & Music: Singing, movement, and learning songs that reinforce God's Word in our hearts.
- Creative Rotation: Alternating each week between hands-on art projects and active gym games that reinforce the day's lesson.

Our Fall Theme: The Fruit of the Spirit

Throughout the 11 weeks, we'll explore the Fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23. Each week will focus on one of the fruits—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—paired with a Bible story that helps children see how God grows these qualities in our lives.

Stay for Supper!

When Kids Club wraps up at 5:30 PM, families are invited to stay for OSL's weekly Wednesday evening meal, served from 5:30–6:00 PM. We hope this provides an easy way for families to connect with one another, enjoy a meal together, and transition into the evening's church activities. Whether you're heading to Confirmation, practice, or simply looking for one less meal to prepare that week, we'd love for you to join us!

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during the Wednesday evening meal. Kids Club supervision concludes at 5:30 PM, and children are not supervised during supper. Because of food allergies and family preferences, parents are responsible for their children during the meal.

Transportation

We know transportation after school can be one of the biggest challenges for families. At this time, OSL will not provide transportation or school pick-up. Families are responsible for getting children to the

church, although you're welcome to coordinate carpooling or bus arrangements on your own if available through your school.

We understand that this means Kids Club won't work for every family's schedule and that's okay. Even so, we believe it's worth trying. If we never take the first step, we'll never know if this could become a meaningful ministry that serves children and families in our church and community for years to come. We are excited to see how God might use this program, and we're grateful to every family willing to help us launch this new adventure.

Registration Information

For this first trial session, OSL Kids Club is only open to children who are members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. As we launch this new ministry, we're intentionally starting on a smaller scale so we can learn what works best, provide a safe and high-quality experience, and build a strong foundation for the future.

Come Be Part of the Team!

A great ministry is only possible because of great volunteers and we'd love for you to be part of launching OSL Kids Club! High school students are invited to serve as Crew Leaders, just like they do during Vacation Bible School. Crew Leaders help build friendships with younger children, lead them between rotations, encourage participation, and make sure every child feels welcomed and included. It's a wonderful opportunity to grow as a leader while making a difference in a younger child's faith journey. We're also looking for several adult volunteers to help make Kids Club a success. Whether you can serve every week or help occasionally, we'd love to have you! Volunteer opportunities include:

- Snack Coordinator
- Welcome & Check In Team
- Art Teacher
- Substitute Volunteers

If you have questions about OSL Kids Club or would like to learn more, please contact Madeline in the church office. We can't wait to fill Wednesday afternoons with laughter, worship, creativity, and opportunities for kids to grow in faith together. Here's to the very first season of OSL Kids Club!

Register today for
OSL Kids Club or fill
out a Volunteer form
using this QR code:



OSL Youth Overnight | August 5-6

Kick off the end of summer with an overnight at OSL! Join us for games, food, movies, late-night fun, and time together before the school year begins.

When: Wednesday, August 5, 9:00pm–Thursday, August 6, 7:30am

Who: Students entering 6th–12th grade

Bring a friend! Friends are always welcome with a completed permission slip.

RSVP at this QR Code!



Just like that, it's August!

Written by Pr. Nancy Rieke

Just like that, it's August!

When I was a kid, August usually meant that the lake was getting too green to swim in and too warm for fish to bite, television was all reruns and the fan couldn't keep the house cool enough to sleep. Summer was almost over and school, well, school sounded pretty good again. Now that I'm an adult, I have to admit that as much as I enjoy summer, I still look forward to the change of seasons.

God is indeed good, and we are thankful.

"Thank you, God, for the pleasures of summer, the bright sunny days and perfect moonlit evenings, the smells of mowed grass and air thick with rain.

Thank you for days at the lake, for vacations and festivals, picnics and cookouts, baseball and concerts and swimsuits and popsicles.

Thank you for the fireworks of thunderstorms, for watermelon sweetness, for summer's pace and summer's grace, for all your beauty and power, faithfulness and fecundity* displayed in summer.

Amen." (Shared from Guideposts)

*P.S. *fe·cun·di·ty (noun): the ability to produce an abundance of offspring or new growth; fertility. the ability to produce many new ideas. (I'm sure I'm not the only one who didn't know this word!)*

Tithely Church Management Software

Dear OSL Family,

Over the past two years, staff and volunteers have been evaluating the software we use to manage membership records, contributions, communications, and many of the administrative functions that support ministry here at Our Savior's.

For many years we have relied on ACS. It has served us well, but it is an aging system that has become increasingly difficult to maintain, train new users on, and integrate with modern communication and online giving tools. After considerable research, we are moving toward a new church management system called Tithely Church Management (formerly Breeze Church Management).

The advantages are significant. Tithely is cloud-based, easier to use, accessible from anywhere, and includes tools for communication, event registration, forms, and member engagement that are modern and intuitive. It will also reduce our software costs substantially.

At the same time, we want to be honest that, like any change, this one comes with a few trade-offs. Tithely's giving system is designed around individual gifts and does not combine household giving records the way ACS does. End-of-year tax statements will be issued to a single donor per household; however, gifts from joint accounts remain deductible by either spouse or on a jointly filed return. The transition will take time. Staff members are learning the new system while some features are still being refined by Tithely, but we're confident this move represents a meaningful improvement in how we maintain and use our church database. We're moving forward thoughtfully, with full awareness of its current limitations, and we appreciate your patience and support as we make this change.

In Christ,

Rudy Kreyer

Stephen Ministry: 50 (38 at OSL) years and counting

Since Stephen Ministry began in 1975, millions of people from around the world have received emotional and spiritual care from a Stephen Minister during a challenging time in their life. Our Savior's Lutheran Church became part of this half-century legacy of care in 1988. Over the years, our Stephen Ministers have provided distinctively Christian care to people in our congregation and community for a wide range of needs: loss of a loved one, divorce, job loss, medical crisis, stresses life, and many other life transitions and difficulties.

As shown by the millions who have benefited from Stephen Ministry over the decades, this ministry is for everyone, no matter their background or walk in life.

"I didn't think I needed a Stephen Minister at first," said one care receiver. "But I quickly discovered that everything was so much more manageable when I had someone I could just unload on with everything that I was worried and anxious about. It didn't fix my situation, but it did help me get through without feeling completely overwhelmed."

Here at OSL, our Stephen Ministers are ready to come alongside you, no matter what you are facing. They are trained to provide a non-judgmental presence, a patient listening ear, and Christ-centered care that meets you where you are in life. If you are going through a difficult time, we encourage you to consider having a Stephen Minister. You can learn more about Stephen Ministry or request a Stephen Minister by contacting Pr. Tim.

Supporting Our Television and Online Ministry

Our Savior's television and online worship ministries are offered as a gift to all who seek to worship with us. We are grateful for the many people who join us each week through these platforms.

Because it can be difficult to know how many people regularly connect with our ministry through television and online worship, we are inviting those who choose to support this ministry financially to include \$1.23 in their gift amount to the general offering.

- For example: \$20 becomes \$21.23 | \$100 becomes \$101.23 | \$250 becomes \$251.23

This simple marker helps us identify gifts from those who primarily connect with Our Savior's through television or online worship, giving us a clearer picture of the reach and impact of these ministries.

Thank you for your support and for being part of our worshipping community.

Songs for the Soul

You are invited to join us in our last few weeks of Pastor Michael's Songs for the Soul Bible Study. Check the church calendar for meeting dates!

We will be uploading recordings of the teachings, participant guides, and related songs to the website within one week of each in-person session.

You can find these at our website under the "What's Happening" tab, then clicking "Bible Studies." or scan this QR code:



Sunday School is Coming Back 2026-2027

Written by Madeline Trosvig

We're excited to welcome children and families back for another year of Sunday School on September 13! This year, we're making a few changes to help kids experience meaningful faith formation while also creating a smoother Sunday morning for families.

During the 8:45 AM Celebrate Worship Service

Following the Children's Message, children in Kindergarten through 5th grade will be invited to head down to The Hub for a special children's sermon designed just for them. They'll return to worship during the Sharing of the Peace, allowing families to worship together for the remainder of the service. Families are always welcome to choose what works best for them. If you'd prefer your child remain in worship to hear the pastor's sermon, they're welcome to stay with you.

For our kids not yet in kindergarten, the nursery is open every Sunday during worship and in between services. Parents may drop off infants and preschool-aged children before or during the service. The nursery is located just outside the Festive Sanctuary.

Sunday School | 10:00–10:30 AM

Sunday School will meet from 10:00-10:30 AM. Children should head directly to their grade-level classroom (except for kick off Sunday, where we'll begin all together in the Hub). In the classrooms they'll begin with a Bible lesson led by their teacher. After the lesson, our much-loved rotation model returns! Throughout the year, children will explore each week's Bible story through engaging experiences like art, science, games, library time, and other hands-on activities that help bring God's story to life.

Pick-Up & Song Fest | 10:30-10:45 AM

At 10:30 AM, all children will gather in The Hub for parent pick-up. From 10:30-10:45 AM, we'll offer Song Fest—a fun, camp-like, high-energy time where all of our Sunday School kids can sing, move, laugh, and learn songs together. Parents participation is highly encouraged as well.

We know Sunday mornings can be busy and every family's schedule is different, so Song Fest is completely optional. We simply wanted to create a fun opportunity for families who have time between Sunday School and the 11:00 AM Festive Worship Service. Whether your child stays for Song Fest or heads home after Sunday School, we're excited to spend Sunday mornings growing in faith together. We can't wait to see everyone this fall as we share God's love, learn together, and discover 'The Light We Share'!

Friendship Club: USD Music Museum Tour

We're excited that Friendship Club will be returning on September 1st with a trip to Vermillion for a tour of the USD National Music Museum. We will begin with lunch at 11:00 AM at OSL, then board a bus for Vermillion at 12:00 PM for a 1:00 PM guided tour of the museum. Sign up at the welcome center or call the church office at (605)336-2942 before August 18th.

The cost is \$60 per person, which covers a bus ticket and museum entrance fee.

Please join us to start another year of Friendship Club with a day of music history and fellowship!

Synod Assembly

Written by George and Lynda Lee

The SD Synod Assembly of the ELCA happened May 29th and 30th at Our Savior's. Our church has graciously hosted this assembly many years with warm hospitality and excellence.

So what happens at the Synod Assembly?

The theme of the convention was **EQUPPED**. This is based on Exodus 18. All of us will be equipped individually and as a synod and as the body of Christ to share God's message of love and forgiveness with all the world. We began each day with a worship service led by clergy and lay people. The singing and messages were uplifting and motivating. There were 3 business sessions where the business of the synod was conducted. We heard from many speakers from across our synod and also from the Chicago office about where our financial support goes. The ELCA in SD and nationwide and worldwide are very busy. We heard about Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Relief, Lutheran Outdoors, Lutheran Planned Generosity, Augustana University, Rural Ministry, Holy Playground, St Dismas to name just a few. We had break out sessions to highlight a few of these. Holy Playground is an initiative funded by a Lily grant. This provides congregations with help to integrate youth of all ages into worship by helping the youth feel welcomed, seen and heard. The other session we attended was on rural ministries. Rural congregations face challenges that city churches don't. The Rural Ministries program has set up ambassadors to meet monthly with affected congregations, sharing with them best practices and ideas to help. This program also trains Synod Authorized Ministers or SAM's to help congregations without a pastor.

The food was great. The music was provided by Dakota Road with Larry Olson and Karol Baer who used to lead contemporary service at Our Savior's.

For us, we enjoyed the worship services, the music and hearing about all the innovative and helpful things done within the ELCA to help others. We also met many different delegates from across our state as well and heard their stories.

Next year the Synod Assembly will be held in Rapid City. It would be a perfect opportunity to combine a vacation and a assembly in one trip. You won't regret saying yes.

Food To You Distribution

At the July Food To You distribution, 20 OSL volunteers helped serve 74 households, and each family received about 50 pounds of food. Thank you to our amazing volunteers!





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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 10:30 a.m.

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



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(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.