



Prayers for the weekend of August 2, 2026

Trusting in God's faithful presence with us as we walk through each new day, we pray for the church, the world, and for all who are in need.

Gracious God, we pray for your church throughout the world. Help us to boldly proclaim your message of forgiveness and grace to all, that we may be your light within our world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious God, your wondrous creation continues to bless us with its bounty. Bless the work of farmers, and all who labor to bring your abundance to our tables. Bless crops with needed rains and favorable weather as we look towards harvest season. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for the children in every nation, that they would learn to love justice, and live in harmony. Teach us to turn from the horrors of war, and draw our hearts instead, toward your reign of love, hope, and peace for all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity, homelessness, and poverty. Be with those who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit. We pray especially for those hospitalized, and for those requesting our prayer, Gail Meader Graber, Jackie Wickett, Jim Oakland, and for those we name in our hearts before you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious God, with thankfulness, we pray for the faithful who now rest in your mercy. May their witness continue to inspire the church and its mission. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

If you are visiting us today, please stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a Friendship Bag. It's our way of saying, "Thank you for being with us and come again soon."

Just us at 10am in the Friendship Room to learn more about Church on the Street on Sunday, August 2nd.

Pastor Ralph Johnshoy and LaVonne Johnshoy's inurnment service will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 9:30am, with reception following at OSL in the Gathering Place.

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) * 909 West 33rd Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105*
Ministers: Pastor Michael Stadtmueller, Pastor Timothy Lemme and Pastor Nancy Rieke
Visitation Ministers: Pastor Robert Hansen, Maribeth Anderson
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Pastor Michael's Songs for the Soul Bible Study continues this week, on Tuesdays at 7pm and Thursdays at 11am. Sign up at the Welcome Center!

Join us for BINGO-cize at OSL, beginning August 5th! BINGO-cize combines the game of bingo with fall prevention exercise. Registration required, please call (605) 333-4440.

Middle School & High School Youth: Kick off the end of summer with an overnight lock-in August 5-6. Contact Madeline for details.

We're looking for 20 volunteers to help serve a meal alongside our high schoolers at The Banquet on Friday, August 7th from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals, families, and anyone looking to give back to our community. Sign up on our website!

Calling all high school students entering 9th through 12th grade! There's still time to sign up for our Serve Sioux Falls Weekend coming up August 7th through 9th. We'll spend the weekend serving our community, having fun together, and growing in our faith. Friends are welcome too, so invite someone to join you! Sign up on our website.

OSL will be serving with Church on the Street on Saturday, August 8th from 9:30 AM until 1:00 PM at Heritage Park. Come join us as we worship, serve a meal, and share God's love with our neighbors. We'd love to have you be part of this meaningful morning of service. You can sign up at the Welcome Center.

Help Susan B. Anthony stock their supply cupboard! The beginning of the new school year will soon be here, and we want to be sure that the students and teachers have just what they need. You can pick up a flyer at the Welcome Desk.

Friendship Club returns for the fall on September 1st with a tour of the USD National Music Museum in Vermillion. We will share lunch together at church at 11:00 a.m., then depart for Vermillion at 12 noon, \$60.00 covers your bus fee and admission to the museum. More information and a sign-up sheet are located at the Welcome Center. Please sign up or call the church office before August 18th to reserve your spot.

Pastors Michael and Tim, and our Faith Community Nurse Lea, visit those of you who are in the hospital, but sometimes we don't know that you are there. We don't want to miss you, so if you or someone you love is in the hospital, call and let us know so we can be of support to you. Also, make sure the hospital knows you are a member of OSL when you check in so your name will appear on our list when we check to see who is there.

Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by little things in life. If this summer has you feeling down, lonely, stressed, or discouraged, you will benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life. To find out more, contact Pr. Tim.

Upcoming Events:

08/02/26: Church on the Street Forum at 10am

08/05/26: Youth Lock-In (9pm Wednesday until 7:30am Thursday)

08/07/26-08/09/26; High School Service Weekend (contact Madeline for details)

08/08/26: Host Church on the Street

08/18/26: The Greater Good Speaking Event, 12pm

08/26/26: 80th Anniversary Potluck 6pm-8pm

09/01/26: Friendship Club, lunch at 11am; bus leaves at Noon for USD National Music Museum