

Coming Up At OSL



Interested in joining the Communion Ministry team?

Every worship service at Our Savior's includes our remembrance of the Lord's last supper and serving holy communion. Our communion ministry team is praying to add more people so we're hosting a simple BREADKFAST, information, and training session on Saturday, August 29th at 9:00am. Pastor Michael and current communion team leaders will guide the meeting. 6th grade youth – adults are encouraged to join this wonderful ministry.

If you are interested in attending this breakfast open house, sign up online or at the Welcome Desk!

Sign Up Here!

Confirmation 2026-2027

Next **Sunday, August 23** (OSL's Blessing of the Backpack Sunday) Pastor Greg Johnson will be stationed throughout the morning in the Gathering Place overseeing a table where 6th-8th graders and parents can pre-register for the coming year of Confirmation. And, to those who are not members here at OSL, you are invited to be a part of this Basics of Faith year of learning. There is room for you here at Our Savior's.

Questions? Go to oslchurch.com and send Pastor Greg an email and he will get in touch, or call the Church Office (605)336-2942.

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. Please pick

up a flyer at the Welcome Desk or on a kiosk. Thanks in advance for giving our partner school a positive start!

HELP SBA FILL THEIR SUPPLY CUPBOARD!

Needed for students:

2-pocket folders
Crayons
Colored pencils
Dry-erase markers
Glue sticks
Markers
Pencils & pencil erasers
Rulers
Scissors
Spiral notebooks (wide-rule)



Needed for classrooms:

Kleenex
Chlorox wipes
Hand sanitizer

Not needed at this time:

Glue bottles

August 16th | Sioux Emperians at OSL

Sioux Emperians THANK YOU! We are excited to make a meaningful contribution to your Sunday worship on August 16th in Festive worship. MEN who enjoy singing are invited to experience this unique 4-part harmony any Tuesday, 7-9 pm at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls.

Contact Ken Munch 605-351-9062 **“Keep the Whole Singing”**



Friendship Club

Sign up by August 18th!

You are invited to join us on Tuesday, September 1st to start off another great year of Friendship Club! Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the

Church Office (605)336-2942 before Tuesday, August 18th to reserve your spot.

A poster for the National Music Museum. The top half features a large red silhouette of a violin against a light beige background. To the right of the violin, there are black musical notes and a treble clef. The text "national music museum" is written in white, lowercase letters on a red rectangular background. Below this, on the left, is a light beige box containing the text "Friendship Club" in a dark green serif font, followed by "September 1st, 2026" and a small black musical note. Below this is a list of activities: "Lunch at OSL at 11:00 AM", "Bus departs at 12:00 PM", and "Guided tour at 1:00 PM". To the right of this box is a red box containing the text "\$60 / person covers guided museum tour admission and bus to Vermillion." At the bottom of the poster is a red box with the text "Sign up at the welcome center or call the church office before August 18th to reserve your spot!"

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OSL Kids Club

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.

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.

A great ministry is only possible because of great volunteers and we'd love for you to be part of launching OSL Kids Club! We have opportunities to serve every week or help out occasionally.

If you have questions about OSL Kids Club or would like to learn more, please contact Madeline: mtrosvig@oslchurch.com

To register or fill out a volunteer form, [click here](#).



[August 18th](#) | [The Greater Good](#)

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 18th at 12pm! We can't wait to host another month of The Greater Good and hear from these inspiring speakers:

James Oppenheimer, CEO of the YMCA and new City Councilor
Dr. Shannon Emry, Co-founder, Midwest Street Medicine
Dr. James Foster, University of Sioux Falls
Pastor Eric Ohrtman, Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church

August 23rd | Blessing of the 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. Bring your backpack and join us as we start the school year grounded in God's love and surrounded by our church family.

August 26th | 80th Anniversary Potluck

You are invited to join us on Wednesday, August 26th, from 6pm-8pm, for good food, live music, and a time of fellowship and celebrating the 80th Anniversary of OSL!

OSL will provide burgers and hot dogs, members are invited to bring a side or dessert to share. Sign up to bring a dish at the Welcome Desk!



Our Savior's 80th Anniversary



Potluck



with live music!

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Outside Our Walls Partner: LSS Mentoring

Outside Our Walls is partnering with LSS Mentoring this month.

LSS Youth Mentoring Services are designed to empower children and teens (K-12) by connecting them with volunteer mentors who offer support, encouragement, and guidance.

As a mentor, you can help build self-esteem, encourage positive choices, identify and work toward goals, lend new perspectives, or simply be a friend to a young person who needs someone in their corner—all in as little as one hour per week.

Come visit the table that will be set up in the Gathering Place through Sunday, August 16th, to learn more about how giving just an hour a week of your time can make a big difference! Or, visit the LSS website, Mentoring.LssSD.org or call 605-444-7803.

[Songs for the Soul Bible Study](#)

Recordings of the teaching, participant guides, and related songs from the Songs for the Soul Bible study are uploaded to the website, so you can still watch and share them with others!

Songs for the Soul: Links

[September 13th | Fall Kickoff Sunday](#)

Kickoff Sunday is coming up on September 13th! More details to come next week...

Spoiler alert: The 80th Anniversary celebration continues with a free breakfast served at OSL that morning!

[September 17th | Book Talk](#)

Mark your calendars for a book talk with Pr. Michael and Kristie on September 17th! We will be discussing *Disciples of a White Jesus* by Angela Denker. And watch for more details on meeting author Angela Denker at OSL the weekend of October 3rd-4th.

[September 26th | OSL Women's Retreat](#)

We're excited to share that OSL will be hosting a women's retreat on Saturday, September 26th, from 10am-3pm! Save the date, registration details coming soon!

[OSL Garden Share](#)

Throughout the growing season, we invite you to share in the abundance of your garden! Congregation members are invited to give and take fresh produce as they need. A table will be available for extra fruits, vegetables, and herbs that could use a good home.

Whether you're sharing your bounty or taking home something to enjoy, we hope this will be a wonderful way to care for one another and celebrate God's blessings.

We look forward to seeing all that God has provided during this growing season!

Staff Devotional

By Ainsley Swanstrom

Lamentations 3:19-23

"Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall! My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Last spring, I walked through a time where I felt like God gave me a taste of something I deeply wanted, only to take it away. It seemed that God let me invest time, energy and hope into this dream, only to rip it painfully from my hands before it could actually come to fruition.

Of course, I know God is kind and good, and even in that season, I knew that much of the pain came from what a tight grip I had on this dream, not necessarily from how hard God pulled it away. But still, I found myself asking why God would take this thing away from me. Why would God allow me a glimpse of what He knew wouldn't last? And months later, as I continued to wrestle with the grief of this lost dream, I wondered, why would God let my healing take so long?

I came across this song recently, and it has brought a lot of comfort to me in those questions. This song never mentions God, but I think perhaps there are some very intentional references to God. It reminds me of the book of Esther in that way: God's name is never mentioned, but His presence is clear, if you're looking for it.

The song begins with the line: "can you imagine the panic at the first sunset?" Pause for a moment, and try to imagine. How terrifying would it be to have the only source of light you knew taken away? How long would the night have felt, not knowing if it would ever end? It would be like the Saturday following Jesus' crucifixion: waiting in darkness, not knowing that the Light was coming back.

In the times when we feel like hope, dreams, warmth, or light are lost, or when we question why God would allow this darkness, God is the One who holds us, saying "it's only lost for now." God doesn't promise us

everything we want, but He does promise that He works all things, even the hard things, together for our good. It may not look like we hoped or imagined, and we may not see it in our lives here on earth. But still, we know that He draws near to us in the hard times, comforting and redeeming, so we can sing: "I hear the notes of my pain...and You're making a song."

"Lost For Now"

By Joel Ansett

Can you imagine the panic at the first sunset?
Down on your knees begging it not to go
Why would you warm up my heart and my skin?
Just to leave me alone in the end
I truly down know how to make it
Now that you're gone

Why, why do you take
Leaving my heart on a limb
Just to see how it breaks?
Feels like everything is lost
'Til you hold me
Saying it's only lost for now

Can you imagine the joy eleven hours later?
There's a chorus of birds teaching me how to sing (Ahh)
Hard to believe all the people I've seen
Brighter today than they were in my dreams
I hear the notes of my pain and you're making a song
Ohh

Why, why do you take
Leaving my heart on a limb
Like it's some kind of game?
Feels like everything is lost
Still you hold me
Saying it's only lost for now

Hard to believe what you say
Hard to believe what you say
But I wanna believe when you say
That it's all coming back one day

Listen to "Lost For Now" on YouTube



Devotion from Ainsley Swanstrom,
Marketing & Office Professional at OSL.

When she's not at OSL, Ainsley can be found at a coffeeshop with her journal and Bible, on a walk in nature with her camera, or spending time with her friends and family. She loves finding reasons to celebrate things, big and small, and has loved traveling to many weddings for her friends this summer!

Stephen Ministry.

Sometimes we fall into a trap where we think it's a sign of weakness to ask for help. So when we are stressed, discouraged, lonely, or sad, we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others - and allow others to care for us in our time of need. If you are sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. Start fresh and ask for a Stephen Minister. Just contact Pr. Tim.

Click [here](#) to find a PDF version of the Coming Up!

Our calendar is ALWAYS up-to-date, so please click [here](#) to view it!

You can find our digital bulletins [here](#) for you to use with your mobile device, whether you worship from home or at OSL.

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