



### ***Prayers for the weekend of August 23, 2026***

Together with God's people everywhere, let us pray for the church, the world, and for all according to their need.

God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your people everywhere, that they would boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God, our Creator, you spoke all things into being, field and forest, oceans and lands, creatures and all people. Sustain and nourish the creation you have called 'good,' and teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God, our peace, you bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster. Guide the work of relief agencies, peacemaking organizations, and men and women who serve in our military. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God, our healer, you hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day, Suzanne Anderson, Rob Lowe, Floyd Prouty, Stephanie Goergen, and with those we name in our hearts before you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God, our Savior, lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation, and strengthen the bonds of fellowship, that all may be united as the body of Christ. Bless students, teachers, and families as a new year of school begins. Bless our youth ministry, the Sunday School program, Confirmation Program, and the OSL Kids Club, as we begin another wonderful year of leaning together of your great love for all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God, our life, your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise. We pray for LeAnn Sheggeby and family as they mourn the death of her husband, Sid, and for Alice Kelly and family as they mourn the death of Alice's sister, Mary, and the family of LaVerne Kruse as they mourn her death. Strengthen us all in faith, until the day we join all who have gone before us, at your eternal banquet. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and comfort all with your great love. For we ask all these things 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."

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) \* 909 West 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105*  
*Ministers: Pastor Michael Stadtmueller, Pastor Timothy Lemme, Pastor Nancy Rieke, Pastor Greg Johnson*  
*Visitation Ministers: Pastor Robert Hansen, Maribeth Anderson*  
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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 to reserve your spot.

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 BREAKFAST, 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. Please sign up at the Welcome Center!

On Sunday, August 23, Pastor Greg Johnson will be stationed throughout the morning in the Gathering Place overseeing a table where 6th through 8th graders and parents can pre-register for the coming year of Confirmation. And, to those who are not current members at OSL, you are invited to be a part of this Basics of Faith year of learning. 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. Sunday School Registration is also open, contact Madeline to sign-up!

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. In celebration of OSL's 80th Anniversary, through a generous member donation, an art book has been created. "The Artwork of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 80th Anniversary" will be **available at no cost, for all members**. These works remind us that beauty can teach, inspire, and draw us deeper into the presence of God. Augustana is printing the booklets, and they will be ready for distribution at the potluck on August 26, 2026.

OSL now has an online shirt store! Lots of colors, styles, and sizes to choose from. Order and pay directly through the company's website and 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. If you would like help ordering shirts, we will have a table set up at the 80th Anniversary Potluck and OSL staff will be available to walk through ordering online with you. Please bring a credit or debit card for payment.

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 OSL. 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](mailto:mtrosvig@oslchurch.com)

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!

Since 1975, churches worldwide have been using Stephen Ministry to offer one-to-one support to people who are facing difficult times in life, connection them with well-trained lay congregation members called Stephen Ministers. OSL has been a Stephen Ministry congregation since 1988. When you are facing the loss of a loved one, divorce, job loss, medical crisis, or another challenging life situation, a Stephen Minister is equipped to walk alongside you and help carry those burdens. They provide a non-judgmental presence, a patient listening ear, and an intentional focus on you and your needs. We all need help at times, and Stephen Ministers are there for those moments. If you are going through a tough time, you do not have to handle it alone. Give yourself the gift of a Stephen Minister. To learn more and request a Stephen Minister, contact Pr. Tim.

#### Upcoming Events:

08/23/26: Blessing of the Backpacks, both 8:45am Celebrate & 10:30am Festive worship

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

08/29/26: Communion Meeting, 9am

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

09/13/26: Kick-Off Sunday; 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Free Breakfast 9:30am-11am

Festive Worship time returns to 11:00am

09/17/26: Book Talk with Pastor Michael & Kristie, 1pm