



Prayers for the weekend of September 27, 2026

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

Center your church in humility as we strive to follow in your way. Help us listen to the cries of those who have been unfairly hurt by the church and dare to name difficult truths. Show all your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork. Thank you, O God, for the rains that have helped drought-stricken areas. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Inspire all in positions of authority to act honorably. Remind them of their call to use their authority for the sake of the common good. Give them the gift of humility. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in need of your healing, Connie Grimm, Shirley Martens, Jim Green, Ruth Ann Venrick, Delaine Shay, Shawn Degroot. Grant us your salvation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We ask for your blessing upon Brooke Madson and Ethan Metz, married this weekend. May your love guide them through their life together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. We pray for the family of Carol Prouty as they mourn her death, and for the family of Arlys Stanga as they mourn her death, and with Jessica Aguilar upon the death of her father, Rich Aguilar. Strengthen them with your healing love and graceful promise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Announcements

Reminder that Sunday, October 4th, we will have just one service at 8:45am in the Sanctuary. This service will be a blended service and will allow for a time together to welcome Angela Denker, who will be speaking in the Celebrate Center at 10:15.

OSL is excited to host the next Augustana Choir & Bach Collegium on Sunday, September 27th at 7pm. The fall concert theme is *Be Still and Know*. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of incredible music at OSL. Tickets are available for purchase on Augustana's website or you can buy a ticket at the door when you arrive.

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Sunday, September 27, Creation Care Presents: Pollinators in Your Garden! Join us in the Friendship Room at 10am. Joyce Kaatz is a noted monarch butterfly aficionado and author who will give tips on creating a welcoming habitat for pollinators. Packets of milkweed seed will also be available if you'd like to plant some in your garden at home! Interested in becoming a member? Want to know more about Our Savior's? Sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact the Church Office and join us at 10am between worship services on October 11, 18 & 25 for our next new member session.

We are excited to continue partnering with Susan B. Anthony (SBA) by supporting the staff who go above and beyond in their classrooms! Stop by the Library and pick an apple to see items on a teacher's wish list! All items purchased can be returned to the Library for delivery to SBA!

Attention musicians – Our Savior's has openings in all of our music teams. Our Savior's Choir, Celebrate Band, Bells of Our Savior's, Cantors, and Instrumentalists are wonderful ways to share your musical gifts in worship ministry. All are welcome and you can give any of these teams a try at your convenience. To get more information contact Gene LeVasseur, our Director of Worship.

OSL is putting together a new church directory and could use some help. Contact the Church Office if you would be willing to offer your skills to finish up the directory work and show other members how to update their information.

As a new school year begins for Augustana students, we are excited to continue our partnership with Augustana's Campus Cupboard and Campus Closet! Help us serve students with necessary food and clothing items by dropping off the listed nonperishable foods, hygiene items and warm clothes at OSL.

Pastor Michael's Bible Study, Beyond The Surface, continues this week. Tuesdays at 7pm and Thursdays at 11am.

Sunday School at OSL began September 13th! If your child is attending Sunday School and has not been registered this year, please take a moment to register your child(ren) birth-5th grade. We ask families to register each year so we have the most up-to-date contact, allergy, and family information. Contact Madeline for more information.

Kids Club has officially started, but registration is still open! Kids Club meets Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 PM for children Preschool–5th grade. Each week includes music, art or gym, Bible stories, activities, snacks, and lots of opportunities to build relationships with kids and adults of all ages.

Faith & Ferment will meet at Roundhouse Brew Pub at 7pm on Thursday, October 1st. You are invited to join us for a time of discussion and fellowship. The focus this month is: Framing Conversations of Hope.

You're invited to join us for Friendship Club on October 6th at 11:00 AM for a presentation by an educator with Alzheimer's Association of South Dakota. The education topic is "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia." This is a great opportunity to learn, ask questions and share your own experiences with Alzheimer's disease and Dementia. Lunch will follow the presentation at 12:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

You are invited to Augustana Library Associate's FREE Fall Author event at OSL! Join Author Amy Frykholm in the Celebrate Center on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 7:30pm, with a book signing afterwards. Seating is general admission. The event is free. Donations support Augustana Library Associates programming.

The OSL Church Office will be closing at 1pm on Thursday, October 8th for a Staff Retreat.

You are invited to volunteer with OSL at our Augustana Hockey Parking Fundraisers for the 2026-2027 season! This is a great way for all ages to serve together and help raise funds for OSL programs and partner organizations. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the Church Office.

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. Galations 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.

Upcoming Events:

09/27/26: Creation Care Forum: Pollinators and Your Garden, 10am Friendship Room

Augustana Choir & Augustana Bach Collegium in Concert, 7pm in the Sanctuary

09/29/26: Bible Study with Pastor Michael, 7pm

10/01/26: Bible Study with Pastor Michael, 11am; Faith & Ferment, 7pm

10/03/26: Angela Denker Discussion, 6:30pm

10/04/26: Angela Denker Roundtable Discussion, 10:15am

10/06/26: Friendship Club 11am, Friendship Club Lunch 12pm; Bible Study with Pastor Michael, 7pm

Augustana Library Associations Fall Author Event, 7:30pm

10/08/26: Bible Study with Pastor Michael, 11am

Church Office closing at 1pm for Staff Retreat

10/09/26: Augie Hockey Parking Fundraiser, 5:30pm

10/10/26: Augie Hockey Parking Fundraiser, 4:30pm

10/11/26: New Member Class, Session 1, 10am

River Clean-Up with Friends of the Big Sioux River (Spencer Park), 1:30pm

10/12/26: Church Office & OSL Community Library closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day