OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
*Planting Faith - Nurturing Hope - Sharing God's Love*

## *Prayers for the weekend of November 1, 2026*

United with the saints of God of every time and place, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and for all, according to their needs.

God of grace, we give thanks for the saints who have, and continue to be, your church within our world. On this 'All Saints Sunday,' as we remember those who have died and now rest from their labors, fill our hearts with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. Inspire us with your Spirit, and strengthen us with your love, as we continue to be your church within the world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, bless our confirmation students as they affirm their baptismal promises, and continue to grow in their faith life and commitment to you. Bless their families, and our congregational family, as we continue to be your church, united in proclaiming your great love for all of creation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, we give you thanks for the recent rains, and the beauty of the colors of fall. Bless farmers in their work during this harvest season, keep them safe, and grant them a bountiful harvest. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, unite the nations of this world in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment, kindness and respect. Bring us together as a nation in peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness. We pray for the hospitalized, and for those requesting our prayer; for Jaye Anderson, Deb Ver Steeg, Mark Schempp, Shirley Schafer, and for those we name in our hearts before you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your steadfast love, O God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord, we pray, **Amen.**

## *Announcements*

Audio and TV operators are needed for worship services. Training will be provided and your schedule is flexible to match your availability. Having good hearing and a spirit to serve is all that is needed. Contact Gene LeVasseur, Director of Worship, to give it a try.

OSL is excited to host Paula Lofstrom from International Health Partners on Sunday, November 1st! She will be at OSL between services to share about the work and ministry they are doing to build children's hospitals in Tanzania. We hope you will join us to hear about the mission and impact of this organization.

You're invited to join us for Friendship Club on November 3rd for a presentation by OSL member, Dr. Greg Schultz, who will be speaking about his medical mission work in Honduras. The presentation will be in the Friendship Room at 11:00 AM, followed by lunch in The Gathering Place at 12:00 PM, with a suggested donation of $6.

OSL is providing cookies and bars for the staff at Susan B. Anthony on Wednesday, Nov. 4th. If you are able to donate, please contact the Church Office 605-336-2942, or sign up at the Welcome Desk. Donations must be dropped off at OSL by Tuesday, November 3rd.

Faith & Ferment happens on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm. We will meet at Roundhouse Brew Pub for a time of conversation and fellowship on November 5th. Our topic this month is: Saints, Sinners, and Sacred Stories. You are invited to join us!

November 7th and 8th is 'Stephen Ministry Awareness Weekend.' There will be a booth outside the Spiritual Care area where you can find information on receiving a Stephen Minister, or on becoming one yourself.

For more information about the OSL Stephen Ministry program, you are invited to attend the forum at 10am on Sunday, November 15. If you are a good listener or would like to be trained to be a good listener, consider joining the Stephen Series classes starting in January. You will be blessed.

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.

All are welcome to join us for the Outside Our Walls forum on Sunday, November 8th at 10am in the Friendship Room. In November, Outside Our Walls is partnering with Charis Ministries, a ministry of 13 ELCA congregations in our area. Todd Smith will join us to share about Charis Ministries, and specifically their Food To You program. Come and hear how we can work together to gather food donations, support financially, and volunteer to help between 350 and 500 people per week at the food distributions. The food of the month is peanut butter. If you would like to donate, please bring donations to the bins next to the Church Office.

The Blood Mobile will be returning to OSL on Sunday, November 8th from 8am-12pm! Your donation can make a lifesaving difference for patients and families right here in the Sioux Falls community. All donors will receive a $15 Scooters gift card!

OSL member Kristi VanDeRostyne has graciously offered her time, expertise, and experience to present education for adult forum time on Sunday, November 15th. Kristi, Prevention Services and Program Manager at the Carroll Institute, will be providing education on topics such as substance use disorders, signs of substance abuse, and how to get help. We are looking forward to learning more about this important and prevalent topic.

Join us for a Congregation Forum on Saturday, November 21, following worship, or Sunday, November 22, at 10:00 a.m. Bring your questions and be part of the conversation and fellowship as we gather. We look forward to seeing you there.

All Saints Day (November 1), a day to remember those who have gone before us. While we remember with fondness the time we had together, we also grieve the loss of a loved one. Having someone to listen to your concerns and feelings can be a great comfort. That is where a Stephen Minister can help. A Stephen Minister will listen attentively, confidentially, and without judgment to your concerns, and will provide comfort and support. So give yourself a gift and ask for a Stephen Minister, which is a good idea for any type of loss in your life. Just contact Pr. Tim to request a Stephen Minister.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church's TV Ministry is a meaningful extension of our worship ministry, bringing God's Word, music, and message of hope to those who are unable to join us in person. Through this ministry, lives are touched by God's Word in ways we may never fully know. We invite you to celebrate a special occasion, honor a loved one, remember someone dear, or support this important ministry by sponsoring a weekend broadcast for $250. Sponsors are recognized by having their name, or the name of the person being honored or remembered, included in the broadcast credits and printed in the weekend bulletins. A TV Ministry sponsorship is a lasting way to share faith, hope, and love while helping others stay connected to worship and the church family. To sponsor a broadcast, please contact the Church Office at 605-336-2942 at least two weeks before your desired weekend. Thank you for helping us reach hearts, strengthen faith, and share the love of Christ with our community and beyond.

Upcoming Events:
11/01/26: Confirmation Service, 8:45am; New Member Recognition (all services)
11/03/26: Friendship Club 11am; Friendship Club Lunch 12pm
11/07/26: New Member Recognition; Stephen Ministry Weekend
11/08/26: New Member Recognition; Stephen Ministry Weekend
Blood Mobile at OSL, 8am-12pm; Charis Ministries Forum, 10am
11/13/26: Augie Hockey Parking Fundraiser, 5:30pm
11/14/26: Augie Hockey Parking Fundraiser, 4:30pm
11/15/26: Carroll Institute Forum, 10am (Friendship Room); Stephen Ministry Forum 10am (Office Conference Room)
11/17/26: The Greater Good, 12pm
11/21/26: Congregational Forum; immediately following 5pm worship
11/22/26: Congregational Forum, 10am; Decorate the Church for Christmas, 12pm-3pm
11/25/26: OSL Community Library Closed; Church Office closing at 2pm
11/26/26: Church Office & OSL Community Library Closed
11/27/26: Church Office & OSL Community Library Closed