SEPTEMBER 2025

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Sunday School for ALL 9:15 am Sunday worship 8:00 & 10:30 am Office Hours: 9am - 4pm Monday - Thursday (Closed 12pm-1pm for lunch)

A WORD FROM THE Beloveds of Our Saviour's.

As I write this this article for our September Newsletter, Hanta and I are in "the Holyland." No, we're not in Israel. Instead, we're in Minnesota, vacationing and enjoying a little bit of time with our daughters, families, and old friends. It feels good to be in a cooler climate and catching up with friends, telling stories of "God's Country" (Texas). Even though the leaves up here have not begun to change yet, one can feel a gentle chill start settling into the air at

night. As it does, I can't help but be reminded of the fact that God's creation is always in motion. With the season of fall upon us, we are invited to reflect on the beauty of transition and the faithfulness of our Lord in every season of life. Just as the trees in the northlands of Minnesota will soon let go of their leaves, we too are called to let go of what weighs us down and embrace the renewal that comes from walking in God's

This fall, there are several ministries that I hope to refresh, renew, and revive, starting this month. It is my hope, my prayer, and my expectation that YOU will join and participate in these ministry renewal efforts, as you are able and led by the Holy Spirit.

- 1. If you are currently, and/or have recently signup to serve on the following list of Sunday morning ministries Usher, Greeter/Welcomer, Communion Assistant, Prayer, Altar Guild, and Leaders-in-Charge – please make every effort to come on Saturday, September 6th, at 9:00 am, in the Sanctuary. This will be a time to update, refresh, and train on what each of these ministries does each Sunday morning.
- 2. If you have a small group of 6, 8, or up to 12 people that you regularly hang out with, or do things together with, at Church or elsewhere, I'd strongly encourage y'all to officially be a "Life Group" and come to a potluck dinner on Saturday, September 20th, at 6:00 pm, in the MPR. I'll provide the main dish and the beverages, and I ask that you and your group bring the side dish and/or desserts. This will be a time to fellowship and learn more about what a "Life Group" is, and what's to be expected of each Life Group. I am truly excited about getting our "Life Group" ministry off the ground this fall.
- 3. Lastly, I am calling and inviting ALL Men of Our Saviour's to come to a Men's breakfast on Saturday, September 27th, at 8:00 am, in the MPR (Free Will offering will be welcomed). Come to enjoy an awesome breakfast, to fellowship with godly men, and to learn what all's in store for Our Saviour's Men's (OSM, or "Awesome") Ministry this fall and throughout the year. Men, please sign up at the Welcome Desk, starting Sunday, September 7th,

Friends, I really hope you'll come and be a part of one or all of the above events this month. Even more, I encourage each of you to take time for gratitude—thankful for God's provision, for the fellowship we share, and for the opportunities to serve our community as a congregation. Whether it's gathering for worship, spending quiet moments in prayer, or comforting a friend through loss and grief, let this season be one of deepening relationships and spiritual growth.

Let us also be mindful of those in our congregation and neighborhood who may need extra support during this time. A simple act of kindness, a heartfelt prayer, or a shared meal can help spread the warmth of Christ's love as the world grows colder outside.

I look forward to seeing how God will work in and through us this fall. May we welcome each day with open hearts, ready to be transformed and to bring hope wherever we go.

In Christ's love. Pastor La Andriamihaja

> Reminder, the church office will be closed Monday, Sept. 1st in observance of Labor Day.

AVIOUR'S

Beginning September 2nd Regular Church Office Hours Resume

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Office closed for lunch from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm and continues to be closed on Fridays

PORK & BEAN-GO NIGHT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH IN MPR



5:30 pm Social Time • 6:00 pm Dinner • 7:00 pm Bingo

We will be serving Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans & Chips.

Please bring desserts to share and canned food for OSL Pantry.

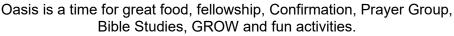
\$10 Donation per Person for Bingo will be collected at the door.

Invite your family & friends to join us for food, fun & fellowship.

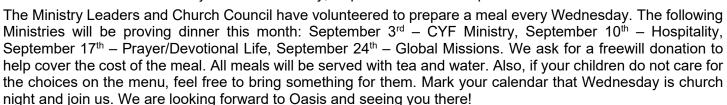
Please RSVP at the table in the Narthex or call the Church Office 361-575-4305.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT OASIS IS BACK MEALS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 3RD



Please join us Wednesday, September 3rd at 5:45 pm in the MPR



BIBLE STUDY LED BY PASTOR LA WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

Every Wednesday 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Christian Ed Building. All are Welcome!



WOMEN OF THE WORD

W.O.W. – Will meet on Monday, September 15th at 6:00 pm in the Christian Ed Building for a meal, fellowship, meeting and devotional time. All ladies of Our Saviour's are invited to attend.





GROW: The 2025-2026 school year is underway which means it's time for Wednesday nights to kick back up! GROW starts again on **Wednesday**, **September 3rd**. Come for the Oasis meal (all ages welcome) at 5:45pm and GROW starts at **6:30pm**. Elementary through High School students are welcome to join us every Wednesday as we learn about God's love for us, how to navigate through this world while leaning on our faith and having fun!

BIBLE HIGHLIGHTING: Do you have a child who is in the 2nd or 7th grade this school year? Do you have a child who needs a Bible? Come to the Youth Wing on Sunday, August 31st from 9:15 am - 10:15 am or Wednesday, September 3rd at 5:45 pm to pick up their Bible and highlight key verses in it for them. Each Bible will have an index page with the key verses and the verses highlighted for them to easily find. Please let Stephanie know if you have a child who fits the above description. Bible presentation will be Sunday, September 7th at the service you normally attend.

PARENT MEETING: All parents are asked to attend a meeting about GROW and Sunday School and what they will look like this school year. Please make plans to attend on Wednesday, September 10^{th} at 5:45pm. Oasis meal is at the same time, so we will grab our plates and meet in the Conference Room.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: What do you call fake spaghetti?... An IMPASTA!! There's no "impastas" here as CYF is having our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, September 20th. Tickets are on sale now (pre-sale only) for \$10 apiece. Each meal comes with spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans and garlic bread. Pick up is drive-thru only and desserts will be for sale. Purchase your tickets from Mrs. Stephanie any time between now and the event.

FAMILY FUNDAY: Sunday, September 28th at Woodlawn! Everyone is invited to join us at 12noon at Woodlawn Bowling. We will have pizza and drinks for lunch and maybe some impromptu singing and dancing! Kids and adults of all ages are encouraged to come.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUMMER CAMP: Camp registration will open this month. We don't have exact dates yet, but please be thinking about registering. The children (completed 2nd grade - 5th grade) will be going to Lutherhill. The youth (completed 6th grade - 12th grade) will be going to Camp Eagle. Camp is a fun way for our children & youth to grow in their faith and relationships with one another. Contact Mrs. Stephanie for more information.

FUTURE DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR:

Sunday, October 12: Fall Festival 4pm-6pm

Sunday, October 26: Reformation Sunday & Youth Sunday Funday

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Sunday, November 23: FAMILY Funday at JWelch Farms

AROUND THE CHURCH FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND PRAYERS

If you have any information for AROUND THE CHURCH please call the church office.



Received in Holy Baptism:

Izabella Rivera



We extend our deepest sympathy to...

- ...the family of Ronnie Wolter
- ...the family of Elaine Thurman
- ...the family of Leland Schroeter



Congratulations To Our Confirmands:
Gage Bludau Paige Cortez

Kynzleigh Gibson Lane Johnston Izabella Rivera



Special Concerns: All those we hold dear in our hearts that are facing a battle for good health, mind & spirit.

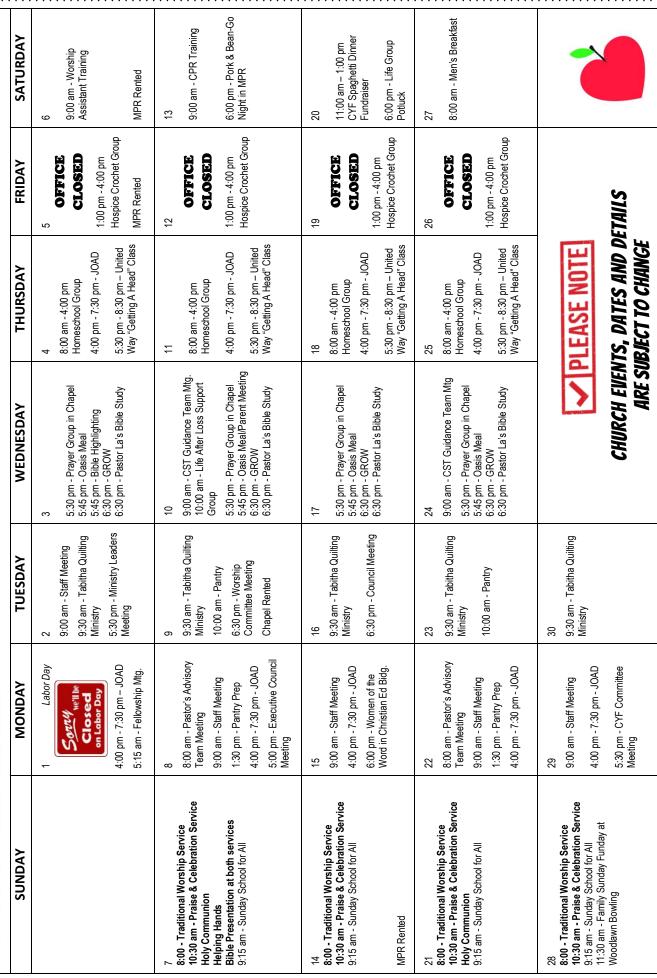


Funeral services were held for: Ronnie Wolter Elaine Thurman

Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian weapon. \sim Martin Luther



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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

We will provide training to those who have not already received this information. If you are not able to serve, please try to find a replacement, or call the church office at 361-575-4305.

	USHER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	GREETER	WELCOMER	WELCOME DESK	CHURCH SAFETY TEAM	LEADER IN CHARGE
Sept. 7th	Dale Hoffmann	Stephen Fuhrman	Cole Neill	Darla Jank	Kathleen	Joyce Cardinell	Linda	Carol Buchhorn	September 7th
8:00 am	Shirley Hoffmann	Janine Rothmann			Reimann		Mueller	Mel Bontrager	Randy Clark
	Bobby Jacob	Steve Fiedler						Jory Stevens	September 14th
10:30 am	Darryl Kern	Brett Ckodre	Hunter		Pam Raley	Irene Hahn	EJ Raley	Randy Clark	Darryl Kern
	Jason Eliot	Kathy Ozuna	Jacob		Arun Pickens			Debbie Cavallin	September 21st
	Michael Buchhorn	Patty McGehee						Mauel Mendez	Pam Raley
	Dena Buchhorn	Pam Raley Marilyn Young							September 28 th Kim Neill
Sept. 14th	Gerald Merks	6	Alex	Diane	Jan Jacob	Terry Krueger	Jean Huber	Royce Krueger	ALTAR GUILD
8:00 am	Glenn Gisler		Johnston	Dabney				Nathan Neill	Shirley Hoffmann
	Laura Johnston			,				Linda Mueller	Linda Mueller
10:30 am	Raymundo Moreno		Conleigh		Katy Morris	Kathleen	Norma	Stephen Fuhrman	FLOWERS
	Diana Moreno		Whitley		Hannah Morris	Morris	Lawrence	Randy McGehee	September 7th
	Marilyn Young							Michael Buchhorn	Ingrid Kabela
	Sharon Kacir								September 14th
Sept. 21st	Mitchell Thurman	Royce Krueger	Henry Neill	Kim Neill	Kathleen	Joyce Cardinell	Linda	Dale Hoffmann	Patty McGehee
8:00 am	Mel Bontrager	Terry Krueger			Reimann		Mueller	Richard Ross	September 21st
	Jerri Brown	Kim Neill						Luke Hersey	Bobby & Jan Jacob
10:30 am	Hanta Andriamihaja	Michael Buchhorn	Paige		Michael Buchhorn	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	Steve Fiedler	September 28th
	Darryl Kern	Dena Buchhorn	Cortez		Dena Buchhorn			Brett Ckodre	
	Debbie Krueger	Carol Buchhorn						Diane Dabney	
	Kurtis Krueger	Richard Ross							PRAYERS
		Kathleen Ross							September 7th
Sept. 28th	Royce Krueger		Konor Eliot	Jerri Brown	Shirley Hoffmann	Eddy Griffiths	Jean Huber	Mitchel Thurman	Cole Neill
8:00 am	Terry Krueger							Raymundo Moreno	September 14th
	Steve Fiedler							Milton Slaughter	Pam Raley
10:30 am	Tom Willis		Tanner		Eden Yaklin	Laura Wright	Norma	Bruce Jank	September 21st
	Patty McGehee		Jacob		Sharon Kacir		Lawrence	Barret Jacob	Pastor La
	Randy Clark							Deanna Jacob	September 28th
	Jason Fliot								Marilyn Voling

September Birthdays

9/1 – Justin Karnowski	9/2 - 8r
9/5 – Mitchell Thurman	9/6 - Al
9/10 – Janice Hill	9/10 - 6
9/12 – John Hersey	9/13 - 7
9/16 – Sharon Kacir	9/16 - 0
9/21 – Andrew Gayle	9/22 – J

9/26 – Kathleen Reimann

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9/2 – Brent Karnowski	9/3 – Bobby Jacob
9/6 – Alicia Rediske	9/6 – Kendall Karnowsk
9/10 – Bruce Jank	9/10 – Eden Yaklin
9/13 – Jan Phillips	9/14 – Doreen Atkinson
9/16 – Christine Carter	9/19 – Jan Jacob
9/22 – Janell Blevins	9/22 — Linda Mueller
9/26 – Robert Schroeter	

	9/3 Lisa Wolter
vski	9/7 – Billy Blanchard
	9/11 – Larry Janis
ио	9/14 – Michelle Samford
	9/20 – Robert Meitzen
	9/23 – Nicole Carter

	9/4 – Zachary Cortez
ard	9/8 – Sharon Todd
	9/11 – Russel Hempel
umford	9/15 – Robert Pfeil
itzen	9/21 – Kathleen Morris
ter	9/23 – Tanner Jacob

OSL MINISTRY LEADERS MEETINGS ON THE 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Tuesday, September 2ND at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room.



HELPING HANDS OFFERING SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 7TH

The purpose of this fund is for individuals or families in the congregation who may at one time or another need a little help.

BAPTISM AT OUR SAVIOUR'S – Baptism is the first of the two sacraments. There is a list of guidelines to follow. If you desire more information about baptism here at Our Saviour's, please contact the church office at 575-4305.





OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TABITHA QUILTING MINISTRY

Meets every Tuesday at 9:30 am in the Christian Ed Building For more information about Tabitha Quilting Ministry contact Dorothy Waltersdorff at 576-1465 or Jean Gisler at 676-0484 or jeangislernp@gmail.com.

Life After Loss Support Group *NEW DATE* - Meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Christian Education wing of Our Saviour's. This month they will meet on Wednesday, September 10th at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Pastor La or Stephen Fuhrman.



PRAYER MEETING - Every Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm in the Chapel. Join us as we pray for our church, community, and world.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you need to add someone to the prayer chain, please contact Pat DeDear at 361-676-5087 or the church office at 361-575-4305. Pat will then communicate the request by telephone to the prayer chain. Pat will also contact Debbie Krueger, who will then distribute the request electronically through email.



Mission Moment



God is at Work: I long to see God at work. I have faith that God is always at work, even when I don't see it. I trust it and believe it to be always and forever true. Yet I still long for and hope to see visible, irrefutable signs of God's activity. I love to give praise to God for the tangible experiences of God's grace and celebrate these stories that build faith.

I particularly love to see God's activity in and through the work that I am doing. While I realize that this may sound self-centered, I love affirmation that the ministry I am engaged in is helping in some way. I want to steward my life well for the Lord's purposes. I feel a bit like a kid turning to my parent and asking, "Am I doing it right?" I think we all long for this affirmation and sense of purpose. We get this when we see God at work in big ways and small.

One of my roles is to help plan and coordinate our District Gathering. Each year I pray for the Lord to use this event to bless the mission and ministry of our congregations and their leaders. I pray for greater Gospel impact in their local communities and beyond. I truly believe that as the faithful gather together, God shows up and amazing things begin to happen. And even though I believe it, I don't always get to see it or even hear about it.

This year I was blessed to receive the following from Jonathan Morrison of Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell. Jonathan is a Harvest Workers student and began a pastoral internship with Trinity earlier this year. He writes:

During our first Pre-Gathering Seminar session on developing leaders with Christian Huntley, we were asked to pair up and pray for someone in our church who may be interested in ministry or growing into a leadership role. I paired up with my fellow HW Student, Kyle McGinnis. I explained to Kyle that I couldn't really think of anyone except for this kid I had met once, but he hadn't been back to church in over three months. I had been waiting for him to show up at church so I could get to know him and help any way I could. So Kyle and I prayed specifically for this young man to walk into church and that I would have the courage to approach him.

Since Haskell is so far from Victoria, I had not planned to make it back home in time for worship on Sunday. But after I left the Gathering on Saturday, I sensed that I needed to get home to be at church, even though I did not exactly know why. I found out why before worship on Sunday: As an answer to prayer, the young man we prayed for on Friday walked through the church door! I was so excited to talk to him and his mom. His mom told me that her son actually woke her up and asked to go to church that morning! God still answers our prayers!

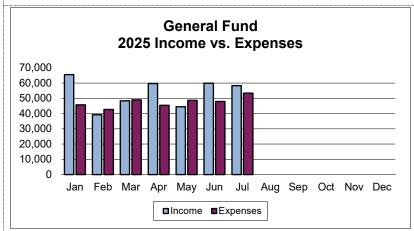
Friends, God is so good! And God continues to work all around us in the world. Remember to pray for God to move and watch expectantly to see it. And like Jonathan, share the story of God's activity so that all may see and believe!



2026 BUDGET TIME

It is budget time. The 2026 budget is currently being developed. If your ministry or committee has any changes or additions for 2026, please get with Sally in the church office. Deadline is September 25^{th} .





CHURCH ATTENDANCE

August Attendance		
Our average weekly attendance		
for August 157.		
August 3 rd	151	
August 10 th	163	
August 17 th	158	

Praise the Lord!
Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in His
mighty heavens!
Psalm 150:1





On behalf of the staff of Lutheran World Relief, our partners, and the communities we serve with your support, thank you for your gift and may God continue to bless you.

Thank you for giving so generously to the Lutheran Disaster Response. Your support helps our church continue its effective and efficient response to disasters.

Thank you for your partnership with Global Health Ministries. Your support has made it possible to ship life-changing equipment and supplies around the globe.

Thank you so much for your faithfulness and support of Mission Mexico. We value your prayers and gifts.

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to VCAM. We truly appreciate your support of our ministry. Rose Mary Voigt

Thank you for your donation to Christ's Kitchen, it will help us to continue serving a hot meal at no charge to people in need.

On behalf of Promise Pointe, thank you so much for your kind donation. Our promise to you is to use it wisely to help as many people as we possibly can. Sister Rebecca Janacek

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, we thank you for the beautiful luncheon you provided for Dee's family and friends. We really appreciate your kindness. You blessed us with a special time to gather, share memories and celebrate Dee's rich life. Thanks to Kathleen and all who dedicated time and effort to provide the celebration to honor Dee. Thanks to your church for your dedication to serving our Lord. Love, Mark and Joyce

COMMUNITY NEWS

MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH BAZAAR ~ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th \$15 BBQ PLATES SERVING 11 AM - 1:30 PM, LIVE AUCTION AT 12:30 PM, BAKED GOODS, PLANTS, ARTS & CRAFTS

2025 MINISTRY LEADERS CONTACT INFORMATION			2025 CHURCH COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION		
Pastor La Andriamihaja	361-575-4305	Worship	Stephen Fuhrman	361-894-1441	President
Hanta Andriamihaja	612-840-5820	Hospitality	Janine Rothmann	361-571-0593	Vice President
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Jason Eliot	361-648-0370	Spiritual Formation	Barret Jacob	361-935-8093	Member
Sharon Kacir	361-649-6739	Prayer & Devotional Life	Becky Linville	361-573-5478	Member
Darryl Kern	361-571-3614	Global Missions	Kim Neill	361-564-8784	Member
Diana Moreno	361-220-4545	Digital Communications	Lynna Briggs	361-550-4477	Treasurer
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CLOH	