

## May 21, 2021—COVID Protocol Updates

We have seen so much change in the past 18 months and will have still more changes to absorb as we are gratefully coming out of the pandemic. Your care and concern for keeping one another safe have been a blessing in this church community.

Throughout this year, we have been paying close attention to the guidance of the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and the Minnesota Department of Health. Last Thursday, the CDC lifted the mask mandate for those who have been fully vaccinated

since the vaccine has proven to radically reduce the chance that you can contract or spread the virus. The Minnesota Department of Health followed suit. As you know, in response, some cities kept their mask mandate in place, while others lifted them. Some businesses kept their mask mandates in place, while others are in the process of lifting theirs. Our Health Advisory Team met this week and we have agreed to proceed in the ways listed on page 2.

We are just starting this phase of the re-opening process. We are in the “in-between” times, where we are able to move towards more re-opening. That is a good thing after a long year and we are so grateful. We continue to be mindful that for many there are still layers of anxiety and complexity for us to move through together. With thankfulness we look forward to times of joy and celebration as a community again!

~Pastor Kiri Solberg



### Groups Meeting at OSLC

**DETAILS ON PAGE 3**

Small groups are starting to meet again, at Our Saviour's. If your group would like to reserve a day/time for meeting, please contact Lori Vickstrom, 763-434-6117 ext. 133, [lvickstrom@oursaviourslc.org](mailto:lvickstrom@oursaviourslc.org).



### Staff Changes

**DETAILS ON PAGE 6**

We are excited to announce a new team structure for our Children, Youth and Family (CYF) staff at Our Saviour's.



### Treasured VBS

**DETAILS ON PAGE 4**

Two Vacation Bible School sessions are planned for August. If you have a child age 4 through grade 5, be sure to get him/her registered for this fun summer event.



## Worship With Us

### SUNDAYS

8:30am | Traditional Worship

10:00am | Contemporary Worship

Registrations no longer required for in-person worship. Both services stream live on Facebook and are available on YouTube (link at [oursaviourslc.org](https://oursaviourslc.org))

### Zoom Coffee Hour

Sundays following 10:15 a.m. Worship  
Log in to Zoom using the link below as soon as worship is over. Grab a coffee refill and let's talk! Go to [Zoom.com](https://zoom.com), click on "Join a Meeting" and enter Meeting ID: 983 1902 4543.

### Coming this Summer!

Planning is underway for outdoor Wednesday night gatherings for all at Our Saviour's this summer – watch for details. Events will start at 7:00 p.m. What's in store? Family Movie Nights! Bonfire Nights! Live Music Nights! Mark your calendars beginning Wed., June 9 and join your church family for some time together!



## Bluegrass Outdoor Worship

Sunday, June 13—8:30 and 10:15 a.m.

# COVID Protocol Updates

## For Worship Indoors

- The mask requirement will stay in place for now. We hope to lift the mask requirement for worship on July 1 for those who are fully vaccinated if the infection rate as reviewed by the Health Advisory Team and council is at an acceptable rate.
- Physical distancing between household groups will remain in place
- We will start congregational singing this Sunday! With masks and physical distancing we are comfortable resuming this activity safely. We know how much we have all missed singing together!
- Pre-registration will be discontinued, but a check-in process will remain in place for now
- Hospitality and fellowship before and after worship will be held outdoors through the summer
- The worship band will return to playing in-person Sunday mornings as soon as logistics can be worked out

## For Group Meetings Indoors

- Masks are no longer required for those who are fully vaccinated (at least 2 weeks since the final dose)
- Masks will continue to be required for those in the building who are not fully vaccinated. If anyone in the building is more comfortable wearing a mask, they are encouraged to do so.
- For small group meetings where all participants are vaccinated and all group members are comfortable, the group does not need to maintain physical distancing
- Ministries with a majority of participants who will not be vaccinated or will be more difficult to maintain distance with participants (eg. Vacation Bible School) will require masks for the foreseeable future

## Outdoor Events

- No mask requirement
- Physical distancing is still recommended when possible

Join the Our Saviour's family on June 13 for a very special (and physically distanced) Bluegrass Sunday! This year we will be holding two outdoor Bluegrass services, featuring the Cornerstone Band and local fiddler Tessa McLean. Worship will be led from the worship platform beyond the preschool playground, so bring a lawn chair or blanket and make yourself comfortable on the lawn!

After the second service there will be a Covid Prayer Walk to remember those who have passed, rejoice for those who have recovered, and com-

memorate all we have been through and all we will continue to endure. Watch your emails and the church website and Facebook page for more information.

If you prefer to worship indoors at home that morning, don't worry about missing out! Bluegrass worship will be pre-recorded and posted on Our Saviour's Facebook page and YouTube. Enjoy the toe-tapping music from your home and worship with your church family in spirit! In case of rain, we will move both services indoors and live stream to Facebook.

# small groups

## Mixed Golf League

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m., Hidden Haven  
ALL skill levels are welcome to join. Meet the group at Hidden Haven. Questions? Contact Ted Engen, 612-867-8730.

## Quilting Blocks in Stages

Tuesdays, June 1 & 15, 6:30 p.m.  
Join the group sewing quilts and more. Questions? Contact Cheri Stockinger, [stockw4g@gmail.com](mailto:stockw4g@gmail.com).

## Motorcycle Ministry Meeting and Dinner Ride

Thursday, June 3, 5:30 p.m.  
Join the group for summer planning and a ride. Contact Judy Esterby with questions, 612-723-3878.

## Beading Ministry

Thursday, June 3, 6:30 p.m.  
Join this group in making prayer beads. No experience necessary.

## Thursday Quilters

Thursdays, June 3 & 17, 9:00 a.m.  
Join the group sewing quilts for mission. Contact Maggie Latvala with questions, 763-434-3608.

## Faith & Fiction Book Group

Tuesday, June 8, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Join this group at Our Saviour's for a discussion of the book *Call Your Daughter Home* by Deb Spera. Questions? Please contact Marge Nelson, [mfjnelson@gmail.com](mailto:mfjnelson@gmail.com).

## Fiction Addiction Book Grp

Tuesday, June 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Join this group for a discussion of the book *The House on Foster Hill* by Jaime Jo Wright. The group meets in the home of Alisa Bigelbach. Questions? Contact Alisa, [alisa.bigelbach@usfamily.net](mailto:alisa.bigelbach@usfamily.net).

## Dinner's at 6:30

Thurs., June 17, at Pizza Ranch  
These monthly social gatherings are set to begin again on the third Thursday of the month. Please sign up on the Small Group board in the Rotunda, or call the church office, 763-434-6117, so we know how many to plan for. Contact Sandy Mickelson, 651-233-0796, with questions.

## Blessing of the Motorcycles

Sunday, June 27, at 9:30 a.m.  
Bring your motorcycle to worship at 8:30 or 10:15, on the 27th.

## OSLC Staff

### Pastoral Staff

- Pastor Kiri Solberg, ext. 129  
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### Program Staff

- Leisha Tays, Children, Youth & Family Innovator, ext. 131  
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### Administrative Staff

- Jan Green, Office Administrator ext. 122, [jgreen@oursaviourslc.org](mailto:jgreen@oursaviourslc.org)
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### Preschool Staff

- Lissa Leebens, Director of Preschool ext. 123, [lleebens@oursaviourslc.org](mailto:lleebens@oursaviourslc.org)

### Office Hours:

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Fri. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Church Office Closed Monday, May 31



## Blessing of the Bicycles for All Ages

Sunday, June 13, 8:30 & 10:15 a.m. Worship  
Join us in outdoor worship as we bless our bicycles in preparation for all the summer fun that lies ahead! We want to celebrate life with you and together as a community. Your joy and safety are important to us. So we pray for that and celebrate that together. Please bring your bicycle up to the worship area prior to the start of worship and line it up with the others! Bicycles and riders will be blessed during the service and receive a special gift for summer rides.

# Children Youth & Family Connection



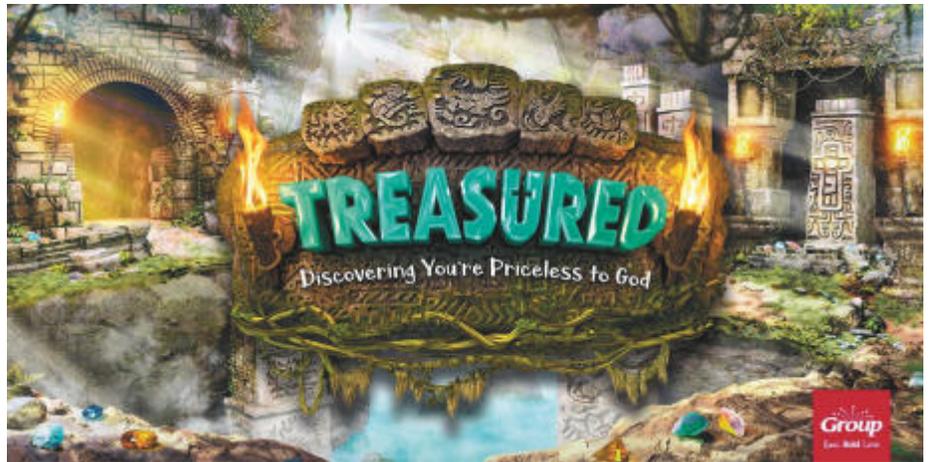
## Summer 2021 Bible Reading Challenge—June 1-Aug. 31

For ALL Ages—Children, Youth & Adults!  
Can you “run” the Bible-Reading marathon this summer?

Join in for 27 days of Bible reading. Print out your reading plan that is provided at [oursaviourslc.org/bible-reading](https://oursaviourslc.org/bible-reading) (separate one for children and adults). Set your pace and run the race.

When you finish your Bible reading challenge, email Leisha, CYF Ministry Innovator, [ltays@oursaviourslc.org](mailto:ltays@oursaviourslc.org). Let Leisha know you’ve finished your Bible-Reading Plan, what your favorite reading was and why. Leisha will have a reward waiting just for you!

Have you never received a Bible from Our Saviour’s and need one? Have any questions? Contact Leisha: [ltays@oursaviourslc.org](mailto:ltays@oursaviourslc.org)



## Treasured Vacation Bible School—2021

August 2 - 5, 9:00 -11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.,  
for age 4 - grade 5 (completed as of summer 2021)

Mark your calendar for an epic quest through hidden ruins, ancient caves, and dense jungles. At Treasured VBS, kids will dig into action-packed, faith-filled adventures. Find more details at [oursaviourslc.org/vacation-bible-school](https://oursaviourslc.org/vacation-bible-school). The online form is available at [oursaviourslc.org/vbs](https://oursaviourslc.org/vbs).

**Treasured VBS Volunteers Needed!** Sign up at [oursaviourslc.org/vbs-volunteer](https://oursaviourslc.org/vbs-volunteer).

## Baptism Class

Sunday, June 6, 11:15 a.m. on Zoom

Our Saviour’s offers Baptism preparation classes for parents of infants and for older children, as well as adults who have not yet been baptized in the Christian faith. To sign up, please contact Jan Green, 763-434-6117 ext. 122,

## Preschool News

We just wrapped up a wonderful year of preschool. What a joy to be in the building to learn and play together in person! Thank you to Preschool Director Lissa Leebens for all her work putting together and implementing our preschool’s COVID plan to make this possible. Thank you to teachers Mrs. Adriana and Mrs. Jane for their excellent work as well!

In staffing news, Mrs. Adriana will be moving this summer, so will not be returning to teach preschool next fall. While we are sad to see her go, we understand that this is a wonderful opportunity for she and her husband to move back to her hometown in California and be closer



to her parents. Mrs. Adriana has been with us for two years and brought so much to our program. She will be missed by all. Thank you, Adriana, for all you’ve done! We wish God’s blessings on your move and all your future endeavors.

We will start the interview process soon (applications are currently being accepted) and hope to find a new teacher over the summer to join Mrs. Jane. For more info, contact Lissa at [lleebens@oursaviourslc.org](mailto:lleebens@oursaviourslc.org).

## Life Events

### Welcome to the World

*Calvin David Carpenter*, born May 21, 2021, to Jessica and Peter Carpenter. The proud grandparents are Nancy & Gary Carpenter.

### Baptisms

March 14 —*Rylee Jo Doriott*

April 18 —*Ava Mae Appling*

April 25 —*Everly Raeann Chitty*

May 16 —*Jason Michael Dropps*  
*Connor James Dropps*

### Deaths

April 21, 2021—*Tom Torson*

May 21, 2021—*Lorraine Soderquist*

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## Children, Youth and Family Staff Update

We are excited to announce a new team structure for our Children, Youth and Family (CYF) staff at Our Saviour's. Congratulations to **Leisha Tays** for taking on an expanded role. Leisha will now oversee Children's ministry in addition to our middle and high school ministries. She is a great fit for the role of Children, Youth and Family Innovator, and will guide the vision and mission of all our CYF ministries. Leisha has 15 years of ministry experience in addi-

tion to a bachelor's degree in Youth & Family Ministry from Augsburg University. She has also taken 2 additional years of classes at Luther Seminary with a concentration in Youth & Family Ministry. While Leisha grew up at Our Saviour's, she served in other ministry settings before joining the Our Saviour's staff 3 years ago. We are so excited to have someone as gifted as Leisha on our staff, and are delighted she feels called to continue to grow in her ministry role here.

In addition to the CYF Innovator role, Our Saviour's will be looking to hire two additional part-time positions for our CYF team. The first will be a part-time Children's Ministry Coordinator, who will have a heart for and connect with families with young children at Our Saviour's, particularly on Sunday mornings. The other position will be a part-time CYF Administrative Specialist, who will support middle and high school ministries and be available on Wednesday evenings when we expect our building to be hopping with young people for confirmation again! If you or someone you know might be a good fit for either of these positions, they will be posted on our website by next week. We look forward to continuing to innovate our CYF ministries at Our Saviour's, and trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us to *Reach Out with a Voice of Hope* to families in this community and beyond!