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## A Message from Pastor Kiri

### Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though  
the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake  
in the heart of the sea;  
<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble  
with its tumult.

...

<sup>10</sup> **"Be still, and know that I am God!**  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth."

Have you walked the meditation path and gardens at Our Saviour's recently? I find them to be so beautiful and so peaceful. When I started at Our Saviour's in November I walked out there on a cold, snowy day but didn't regularly visit. Now that summer has come I try to walk the path and circle the fountains every day. Even in this time of drought our Garden Club has done a wonderful job of keeping the gardens beautiful.

The scripture I read and meditated on this week is from Psalm 46. As I sat in the garden, with the water bubbling nearby, I was struck by the gift of stillness alongside the gift of



movement. The stillness of the scripture "Be still, and know that I am God" calmed and centered me. It made me feel small in the midst of all that God has created. In our garden, with the sound of running water, it was also a reminder of life and movement. God is present with us in times of tumult, reminding us that God has brought God's people through troubled times in the past.

And the running water reminds us that God is always creating new life, new possibilities, and new creations.

I encourage you to visit the meditation path and gardens if you haven't recently. May the stillness combined with the moving water give you strength and help in the days ahead.

-Pastor Kiri



### ALL Church Events

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Join your church family for summer fellowship events: Movie Under the Stars; Music & Game Night.



### Preschool Summer Camp

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Join the OSLC Preschool for a week of Pete the Cat fun.



### CYF Fall Programs

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Get a sneak peek at what will be new this fall. Registration is open!



## Worship With Us

### SUNDAYS

8:30am | Traditional Worship

10:00am | Contemporary Worship

Both services stream live on Facebook and are available on YouTube (link at [oursaviourslc.org](http://oursaviourslc.org))

## Update for Worship and Large Group Gatherings

We are following MDH guidance, which strongly recommends wearing a mask for people who are not fully vaccinated against Covid 19. For those who are fully vaccinated, masks are optional.

### 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://www.zoom.com), click on "Join a Meeting" and enter Meeting ID: 983 1902 4543.

## Happenings

### Julie Stitt Retires

Our beloved Director of Handbells, Julie Stitt, has announced that she is retiring after 25 years of service.



In her letter, she shares that her husband "Don has decided to retire at the end of the summer, and we'd like to travel south during the winter months. We are embarking on a new adventure at this time of our lives. ... I am thankful for the opportunity I had to be a part of music and worship at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. It has been an absolute joy to direct and ring for all these years!"

We'll be planning a farewell for Julie, so watch for information about that. The Human Resources Team will take up this open position at their next meeting and plot a chart forward.

We are grateful for Julie's many years of leadership and music, and pray God's blessings upon her and Don as they begin this new chapter in life. Thank you, Julie!! You will be missed!

### Wanted: Summer Clothing

NACE Clothing Closet is in need of clean and gently used summer clothing. We suggest 2-3 bags (kitchen size) of clothing at a time. Donations may be left at Our Saviour's in the bin located in the south hallway. Thank you so much for your support!

### MN Renaissance Festival

MN Renaissance Festival Discount tickets are through the Renaissance website. Find the website link, instructions, and code at the Reception Desk. The Renaissance Festival is open Saturdays and Sundays, Aug. 21- Oct. 3, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., as well as Labor Day and Festival Friday, Oct. 1.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Tues., July 6, 1:00-7:00 p.m.

The American Red Cross is the nation's largest blood collection organization, supplying more than 40 percent of the blood and blood products used in our country. The need is constant; the gratification is instant. Give blood.™ Register online at [www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive)

### Preschool Registration

Our Saviour's Preschool has openings for the 2021-22 school year. You can find the registration form online at [oursaviourslc.org/preschool-registration](http://oursaviourslc.org/preschool-registration). If you'd like to tour the preschool or have any questions, please contact Director Lissa Leebens, 763-434-6117 ext. 123.

## ALL Church Events



### Movie Under the Stars

Friday, July 16, 9:00-11:30 p.m.

Join your friends at Our Saviour's for outdoor movie night. The July 16 movie will be *The Goonies*. All are invited!

### Music & Game Night—Wednesday, July 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Joyce & Michael Finch ~ Jennifer Thurman & Laura Gibney

Join us at the platform behind the church for coffee-shop-style music. You can sit and listen to the music or play some board games with others. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverages, snacks, chair, and board games or use the board games that will be provided.



# 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.

## Thursday Quilters

Thursdays, July 1 & 15, 9:00 a.m.  
Join the group sewing quilts for mission. Contact Maggie Latvala with questions, 763-434-3608.

## Quilting Blocks in Stages

Tues., July 13, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  
All Day Sew!

Tues., July 20, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Join the group sewing quilts and more. Questions? Contact Cheri Stockinger, [stockw4g@gmail.com](mailto:stockw4g@gmail.com).

## Beading Ministry

Thursday, July 29, 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
Join this group in making prayer beads. No experience necessary.

## Lessons from a Farmer

Summer often reminds pastor Walter Wangerin Jr. of his father-in-law, a farmer. Farmers, he writes, remember “that we belong to the earth, and the earth belongs to God.” Recalling his father-in-law working the fields, he states, “Surely I don’t suppose that we shall live by the horse again, but I plead that we live on this earth with reverence.”

Because God gave people “dominion” over creation (see Genesis 1:28), we are “God’s emblem within the universe, God’s signature upon the work he had accomplished,” Wangerin writes. “We were placed here to serve God by serving the earth and so to be served by it.”

Who demonstrates that better than a farmer nurturing soil and seeds to yield abundant harvest? “By his reverential stance,” Wangerin concludes, “the farmer calls again for honor to God and kindness to creation, that we dress and till and keep it rightly.” –based on *Measuring the Days*

## Faith & Fiction Book Group

Tuesday, July 13, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Join this group at Our Saviour’s for a discussion of the book *Under a Flaming Sky* by Daniel Brown. Questions? Please contact Marge Nelson, [mjnelson@gmail.com](mailto:mjnelson@gmail.com).

## Fiction Addiction Book Grp

Tuesday, July 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Join this group for a discussion of the book *Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop* by Fannie Flagg. The group meets in the home of Alisa Bigelbach. Questions? Contact Alisa, [alisa.bigelbach@usfamily.net](mailto:alisa.bigelbach@usfamily.net).

## Dinners at 6:30

Thursday, July 15 at Hidden Haven  
20520 Polk St. NE, East Bethel  
Join this fun fellowship group 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, 763-229-4984, with questions.

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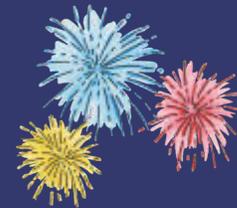
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### Office Hours:

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



The church office will be closed July 5. Have a fun and safe 4th of July!



## 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 [oursaviours.org/bible-reading](https://oursaviours.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@oursaviours.org](mailto:ltays@oursaviours.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@oursaviours.org](mailto:ltays@oursaviours.org)

## Life Events

### Baptisms

- June 6 —Lakelyn Raine Plumley
- June 13 —Harper Mae McCall
- June 20 —Heath Gabriel Struck
- June 27 —Jocelyn Grace Weinzetl

### Deaths

- May 22, 2021—David Mickelson
- May 25, 2021—Patricia Mathison

### Baptism Class

Sunday July 18 at 11:15 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, or [jgreen@oursaviours.org](mailto:jgreen@oursaviours.org).

# CYF New Fall Programming



## Faith Circle— Birth-Age 2

Faith Circle will empower parents/guardians to be the main source of faith in their child’s life. It will provide ways to incorporate faith in the home and explore why that is so important. By attending Faith Circle, you will be laying a groundwork for faith in your child’s life and long-lasting relationships for your entire family. Day, time, and how often Faith Circle will meet will be determined by those interested in the program. Register at: [oursaviours.org/fc-registration](https://oursaviours.org/fc-registration)



## Kidz Connection—PreK-Grade 5

Sundays, 8:30 a.m. Worship  
Children will join a CYF staff member following the Children’s Message for a short time of connection in the Gathering Space. We will enjoy a game, story, activity, craft or other opportunity. Children will return to their family in worship during offering. Register at: [oursaviours.org/kc-registration](https://oursaviours.org/kc-registration)



## Godly Play—PreK-Grade 1

Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Worship  
Children will explore faith through Bible life story-telling followed by a time of recreating the story with independent play (using art, play, conversation). Children will begin their Sundays in worship and leave for Godly Play following the Children’s message. Register at: [oursaviours.org/gp-registration](https://oursaviours.org/gp-registration)



## Bible Live! - Grades 2-5

Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Worship  
Children will walk through the Bible through skits. Children can be actor, director, stage hand, and more (with caring adults leading every step of the way). Children will begin their Sundays in worship and leave for Godly Play following the Children’s message. Register at: [oursaviours.org/bl-registration](https://oursaviours.org/bl-registration)



## Confirmation: Here We Stand

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., for Grades 6-8  
Confirmation is a time of great connection! Confirmation equips youth with the teachings of the Bible and faith so they can make an informed decision to live out their life of faith. Confirmation accomplishes these things through Large Group, Small Group, Fellowship & Service, and Challenges. Register at: [oursaviours.org/confirmation-registration](https://oursaviours.org/confirmation-registration)



## Youth Group—Grade 9-College-age

Wednesdays, 7:45-9:00 p.m.  
Come together on Wednesdays in the Youth Room at Our Saviour’s for a time of food, games, and hanging out. We may explore topics such as current events, world religions, social media influence and more. Register at: [oursaviours.org/yg-registration](https://oursaviours.org/yg-registration)

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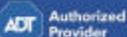
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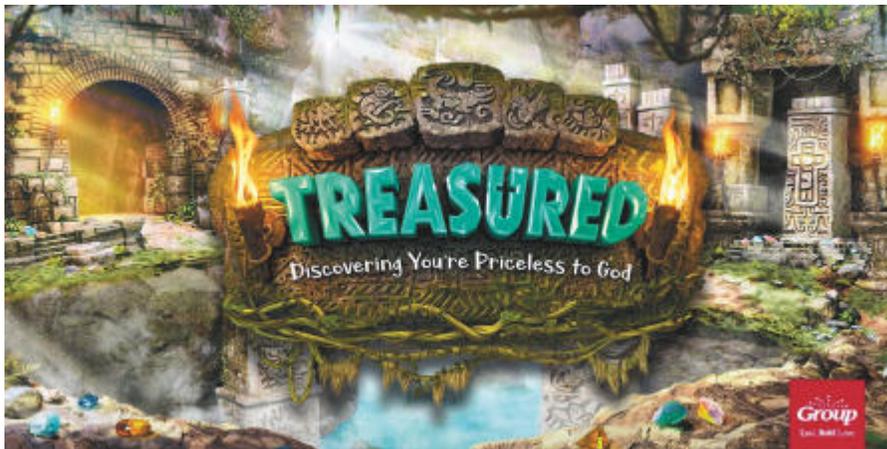
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### Treasured Vacation Bible School—2021

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. Cost: \$30 due w/registration; \$75 maximum per household. The online form is available at [oursaviourslc.org/vbs](http://oursaviourslc.org/vbs).

Two sessions at half capacity (40 participants maximum in each session). VBS will be held outdoors as much as possible, or indoors with social distancing measures in place. Please be aware that we will continue to monitor CDC guidelines, COVID numbers and trends and will move VBS to an online experience if it is in the best interest of all involved.

### Preschool Summer Camp—Pete the Cat

August 9-12, 9:30 am-12:00 pm  
Join Our Saviour's Preschool as we dive into the world of Pete the Cat! Each day will be filled with stories, art activities, and games based on a different book by James Dean. Summer camp is for children age 3 (by May 1) through completed kindergarten. Children must be toilet trained. The cost is \$30. Registration forms are available by the Children, Youth, Family board or at [oursaviourslc.org/preschool-summer-camp](http://oursaviourslc.org/preschool-summer-camp)

