



## Our Saviour's 150th Anniversary

### *A Year of Celebration*

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary during 2022. This milestone will be celebrated with a year full of events. These events range from a new directory, all church photo, ministry fair, old church tour, merchandise and inviting prior pastors to return as guest speakers. These events are intended to bridge our rich history to our modern congregation. Stay tuned as details will be released about events and merchandise throughout the year.

Postcards with dates have been mailed out to all church members. It is not too late to get involved. Feel free to contact any of the committee members for more information.

- Joe Pete Anderson – Merchandise
- Becky Beck – Hospitality, Ministry Fair
- Jerome Bokelmann – All Church Photo, Merchandise, Co-Chair
- Jan Green – Directory, Staff liaison
- Cindy Kallestad – Hospitality
- Cheri Stockinger – Old Church Tour, Hospitality, Co-Chair



### Youth Game Night

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January 28—for 6-12th Grade



### OSLC Annual Meeting

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January 30 at 11:30  
Online and in-person



### Blue Grass Worship

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Sunday, Feb. 27 at 8:30 & 10:15



## Guatemala 2021 Mission

### Thank you for your support of the Guatemala Mission Trip!



My family of four is back home from an amazing trip to Guatemala with the Our Saviour's group that went again this year through Casas por Cristo. It was all the things you might imagine: amazing and hard, eye-opening and beautiful all at once.

The Guatemalan people we met are part of such a hard-working, welcoming and proud culture. So many things happened on the trip I'll probably have stories for months, but first I want to say thank you.

Thank you to Our Saviour's for supporting this ministry for almost 20 years now. We were able to build TWO houses this year thanks to your generosity. Dora's family had been waiting two years for a house, and had all but given up hope when news came that we would be coming to build for them. She wept tears of thanks throughout the week but especially at the dedication. So thanks you for your financial gifts, for participating in the fundraising efforts these past two years, and for your partnership and presence. We felt it on the trip!

So many groups were part of the trip in other ways as well. The beading ministry sent beads that we handed out to the families and visitors, and we saw people wearing them all week long! The quilting ministry sent quilts which we were able to place on the new beds (donated by OSLC members) for the dedication. The Little Dresses for Africa team sent bags of clothing, dresses and more that will be distributed carefully throughout the neighborhood by mothers who care beyond their own children. And we also handed out new clothing to boys whose eyes lit up at the sight of new shorts and shirts. Finally, the stuffed animals and beanie babies were a huge hit! The delight of having their own new toy was evident on the faces of the kids who received them.

I feel honored to have been able to represent Our Saviour's on this year's trip. We felt the love of Christ connecting us to our brothers and sisters in Christ in Guatemala and to you, and we give thanks that we were able to learn, grow and serve together.

In Christ,

Pastor Kiri Solberg



### Acoustic Sunday

Sunday, Jan. 23, 10:15 am

Join us for a fun Acoustic Sunday! Featuring Jay Jaques and the Cornerstone Band - unplugged! It will be a very special coffee-shop style worship.

### Blue Grass Worship

Sun., Feb. 27 at 8:30 & 10:15 a.m.

Are you ready for more Bluegrass fun? Join us in worship (in-person or live streamed) on February 27, featuring the Cornerstone Band (aka The Cracked Pots). Get ready to dance and sing to your favorite old-time gospel hymns. Invite your friends and family to join us in this joyful worship experience!

### Worship With Us

#### SUNDAYS

8:30 am | Traditional Worship

10:15 am | Contemporary Worship

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

### Indoor Worship and Large Group Gatherings

The CDC and MDH recommend that people, both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated, continue to wear a well-fitted mask in public, indoor settings.

### 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.

### Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage Video Series by Mark Gungor

Sundays, Jan 23-Feb 27, 7:00-9:00 pm

Join Jim and Cheri Stockinger as we laugh and learn about the underlying dynamics of marriage relationships. Using the popular and comical video series by Mark Gungor, *Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage*, couples will explore life-changing marriage truths and learn how to strengthen your relationship with your significant other. Come laugh with us! Sign up on the Small Group Board in the Rotunda. Contact Jim or Cheri Stockinger, [stockw4g@gmail.com](mailto:stockw4g@gmail.com) with questions.

# JANUARY/FEBRUARY GROUP HAPPENINGS



## NEW: Connection Groups forming soon!

- Do you want to make more connections at church?

- Are you looking for a way to share life together with other people of faith?
- Are you longing for a group of people you feel at home with?

### Sign up to be part of a Connection Group!

Registration forms will be available mid-January. We'll take all those interested and carefully place you in a group of 6-8 adults we think will mesh. Families with kids are invited also! We'll have ideas for how families can gather and include kids in the experience. Each group will meet based on their own schedules (once a month is a great goal - groups will figure out their own rhythm). You can eat together, play together, pray together, serve together - the goal is to get to know one another and share life together! Again, each group will shape their experience. Watch for registration forms. Groups will launch in February.

### Blood Pressure Clinic

2nd Sunday beginning at 9:00 am  
Get your blood pressure checked in the Gathering Space.

### Quilting Blocks in Stages

1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.  
Join the group sewing quilts and more. Questions? Contact Cheri Stockinger, [stockw4g@gmail.com](mailto:stockw4g@gmail.com).

### Thursday Quilters

1st and 3rd Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.  
Join the group sewing quilts for mission. Contact Maggie Latvala with questions, 763-434-3608.

### Faith & Fiction Book Grp

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
This group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Our Saviour's. The February book is *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See. Questions? Please contact Marge Nelson, [mfnelson@gmail.com](mailto:mfnelson@gmail.com).

### Fiction Addiction Book Grp

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
This group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The Feb. book is *Princess Bride* by William Goldman. The group meets in the home of Alisa Bigelbach. Questions? Contact Alisa, [alisa.bigelbach@usfamily.net](mailto:alisa.bigelbach@usfamily.net).

### Join the Library Team

3rd Wednesday at 1:00 pm  
Join this group in planning for, organizing, and keeping up the OSLC library. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

### Dinners at 6:30

Thurs., Jan. 20, at Davanni's 3430 129th Ave., NW, Coon Rapids  
Join this fun group for fellowship and dinner. Please sign up on the Small Group board in the Rotunda, or call the church office, 763-434-6117. Questions? Contact Sandy Mickelson, 763-229-4984.

### Pub Theology

Mon. Feb. 14, 6:00 p.m.  
Pub Theology is a place to dive into topics involving faith, life events or just being together for good conversation. We will meet at Hidden Haven, 20520 Polk St in East Bethel, on the 2nd Monday of each month. Enjoy dinner and meaningful conversation. Questions? Call Fran Munday, 763-350-9660 or Glenn Allenspach, 763-913-5186.

## December Memorial Gifts Given...

- ... in memory of Archie Wyatt by Jill Bjornson.
- ... in memory of Lisa Andersen by Don & Karen Mickelson.
- ... in memory of Jerry Wold by Karen & Brenda Marlette, Deloris Kahring, Janice Hume, and RL & AM Hume
- ... in memory of Gene G. Boelter by Doug & Shelly McGraff.
- ... in memory of Roy Reichow by Snoo Foley.
- ... to Debt Reduction in memory of Cindy Kallestad's dad, Bob Kallestad by Mike & Betty Gabrick
- ... to Debt Reduction in memory of Archie Wyatt by Mike & Betty Gabrick, Donna Nelson, Dick Pottsmith & LaVerne Johnson, Chip & Marge Nelson, Jim & Cheri Stockinger, Dennis & Gloria Priem, Dixon & Betty Skjod, Don & Karen Mickelson, and Jo-Ann Wyatt
- ... to the Stained Glass Fund in memory of Bob Kallestad by Cindy Kallestad.
- ...to Discretionary Fund in memory of Jack Munday by Fran Munday.

## LIFE EVENTS

### Baptisms

- 12/5/2021 *Nathan Micheal Raymond*
- 12/12/2021 *Lydia Joy Engmark*
- 12/19/2021 *Baylor Wesley Braastad*
- 1/9/2022 *Weston Douglas Schwandt*
- 1/16/2022 *Mardie Mae Koetz*
- 1/16 2022 *Andrew Lawrence Erickson*
- 1/23/2022 *Coleman Randall Thue*

### Funerals

- 11/13/2021 *Jerry Wold*
- 12/2/2021 *Hendrika Murphy*
- 12/7/2021 *Archie Wyatt*
- 12/11/2021 *Lloyd Hanson*
- 1/7/2022 *Damien Schaub*



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- Jane Flaherty, Teacher
- Jennifer Miller, Teacher

### Office Hours:

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

## CYF EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING

### Youth Game Night

Friday, January 28—6:30-10:30 p.m.,  
for 6-12th Grade

Join in for a night of games – Jackbox, Sardines, and more! Pizza, snacks and beverages will be provided. Bring: \$10/person, phone/tablet that has web browser capability (make sure it's charged or bring a charger – used as a controller for Jackbox games). ALL are welcome! You are encouraged to invite friends! Sign up by Jan. 26 on the Children, Youth, & Family board in the Rotunda.



### Quake—March 18-20, for Grades 6-12

Put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend for a weekend gathering exploring faith, Christian living, a life of ministry and leadership... through speakers, music, breakout sessions and so much more amazingness! Details at [oursaviourslc.org/quake-event](http://oursaviourslc.org/quake-event). Sign up on the Children, Youth, & Family board in the Rotunda by January 31.

### Baptism Classes

Sundays at 11:15 on Zoom—March 13, May 8, July 10, September 18, and November 13

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@oursaviourslc.org](mailto:jgreen@oursaviourslc.org).

### 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis

Sunday, July 24 – Friday, July 28—For youth in grades 8-12 (2021-22)

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Check out more information here: [www.elca.org/YouthGathering](http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering). Find full registration details at [oursaviourslc.org/gathering](http://oursaviourslc.org/gathering).

### Our Saviour's Preschool

We've had a great first half of the year! With the beautiful fall weather we did lots of outside activities! In December we had a Christmas Program that was nice to have in person and the children did such a great job! We are truly Blessed to have such wonderful families!

### Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2022-23 school year begins on February 1 for current families and February 14 for new families. You will want to register early to ensure your spot! Registration dates and form will be at [oursaviourslc.org](http://oursaviourslc.org).

### Thank You

The family of Archie Wyatt would like to say thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits and pastoral care during these past months. Thank you to the many friends who attended his funeral during these trying days of covid. May God bless each of you as our faith has given us peace and strength.

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## Our Saviour's 2022 Congregational Annual Meeting



**January 30, 2022, 11:30 a.m.**

We invite all voting members to participate! This year's annual meeting will be a hybrid in-person as well as online meeting on Zoom. For those attending online, login begins at 11:20 AM. You will be placed in a waiting room and admitted to the meeting once we have you registered for the quorum.

**Zoom link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86244909954>

**Call in:** Option to call in for those who do not have internet access:

Dial 1.312.626.6799, enter meeting ID 862 4490 9954

#### Highlights of the meeting agenda include:

- Electing officers, council members, and team members
- Adopting a budget for 2022
- Considering any new business brought to the meeting

The annual report will be sent out via email on January 16, available for pickup at the church, and on the congregation's website.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend this important meeting!