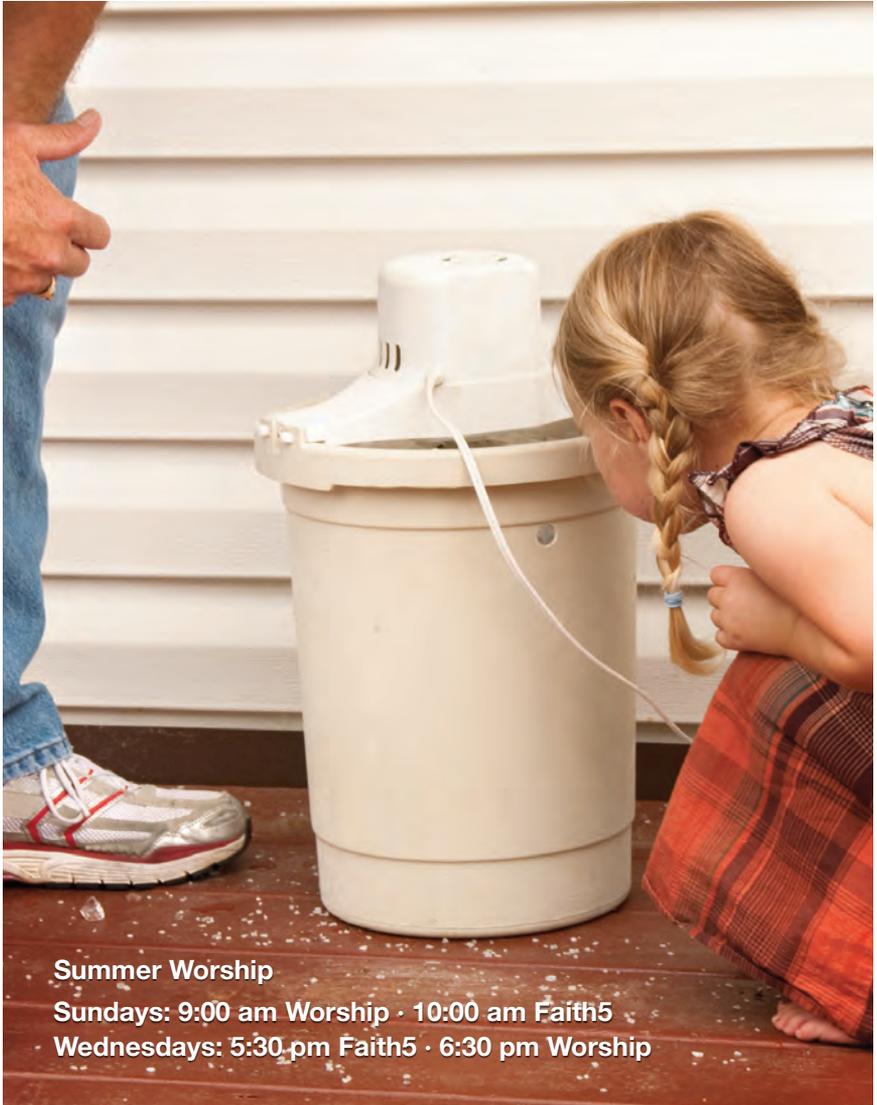




the Kindred Spirit

August 2019

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Summer Worship

Sundays: 9:00 am Worship · 10:00 am Faith5

Wednesdays: 5:30 pm Faith5 · 6:30 pm Worship

August 2019

Additions to the calendar? Email Our Savior's Lutheran Church office: oursaviors@albanytel.com or call 320-845-2405

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7/28 9am · Worship 10am · Faith5 3pm · Girl Scouts 248 & 251	7/29	7/30 7pm · NA Meeting	7/31 9am · Staff Meeting 5:30pm · Faith5 Group 6:30pm · Worship and Ice Cream Social	1 1pm · Prayer Circle Meeting	2	3 <i>Albany Heritage Day</i>
4 9am · Worship 10am · Faith5 5:30 · Vacation Bible School	5 5:30pm · Vacation Bible School	6 5:30pm · Vacation Bible School 7pm · NA Meeting	7 9am · Staff Meeting 5:30pm · Vacation Bible School	8 9:30am · Great River Conference PALS 5:30pm · Vacation Bible School	9	10
<i>Vacation Bible School Week · 5:30–8:30 pm</i>						
11 9am · Worship 10am · Faith5 3pm · Girl Scouts 248 & 251	12 8:30am · Bus departs for ValleyFair	13 7pm · NA Meeting	14 9am · Staff Meeting 1pm · Quilting Squares 5:30pm · Faith5 Group 6:30pm · Worship and Ice Cream Social	15	16	17 9am · Fellowship Hall Reserved – Private Event
18 9am · Worship 10am · Faith5	19	20 9am · Lady Generators Mtg 6:30pm · Committee Night 7pm · NA Meeting 7:30pm · Congregational Council Meeting	21 9am · Staff Meeting 12pm · Mary's Circle Potluck & Bible Study 5:30pm · Congregational Life & Mission Meeting 5:30pm · Faith5 Group 6:30pm · Worship and Ice Cream Social	22	23	24
25 9am · Worship 10am · Faith5 10am · Special Council Meeting 3pm · Girl Scouts 248 & 251	26	27 7pm · NA Meeting	28 9am · Staff Meeting 5:30pm · Faith5 Group 6:30pm · Worship and Ice Cream Social	29	30	31

Some last thoughts from Pastor Steve

To Belong: on membership and belonging—

The desire to belong is part of being human, but what does it mean to belong to a church? The average church in America only has 75 people at worship each week. Does that surprise you? In such small churches, there is a good chance that everyone can know your name. In fact, they not only know your name but they also know your family and your reputation too!

That is certainly not the case in our mega churches. Less than a tenth of our churches are mega churches. In these congregations that worship with over 800 people a week, you would be lucky to know even 5% of the congregation. So the way they build a sense of belonging is through small group ministries.

Then there are congregations like ours. It might surprise you to know that we are larger than 86% of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in America. In the ELCA, we have roughly 9,100 congregations. 3,676 worship with less than 1-50 people per week. 3,913 worship with 51-150 people per week, and approximately 300 worship with between 151 and 200.

We are definitely not a small church where everyone knows

your name. We can't even say we are a medium size church. Being larger than 86% of the churches in the ELCA, we are in fact a fairly large church. Yet so often, to hear people talk, we would think we are a small church. Why is that and what does it mean for how we relate as a community?

All told we have 952 members, with 550 of those being active members. Active members are those who both attend worship and make an offering we can identify as coming from them. Of our active members we see a little over a third at worship each week. Now there is no way we will really get to know 550 people let alone 952. So what is a realistic expectation for us?

I have heard it said that in order for a person to feel like they belong to a church, at least eight people would have to miss them if they were gone. So, if we want people to feel like they belong, that is a minimum goal; “for each person to have at least eight other people who would really miss them if they were gone.”

What would it take for that to happen and why do so many new people slip out the side door without eight people really getting to know them? Their answer would be “We never felt we belonged.” This begs the question, “What can we do about that feeling?”

The truth is, the burden of welcoming people really lies on us.

Newcomers can not force their way into a community. They have to be welcomed into the community and that is a responsibility we all share, the call to be a welcoming community, both for those who grew up here and those who are new to the community. A church that learns how to do this and is committed to doing it, will most certainly become a welcoming and growing church.

Am I an active member and what does that mean?

The definition is somewhat forgiving. To maintain your active confirmed membership, all one has to do is receive communion once per year and make a donation via check, direct deposit or offering envelope that we can identify as coming from you. So, for example if a person received communion at Christmas and put one dollar in their offering envelope they would be considered an active member. Children's status is typically determined by their parent's.

What happens if I don't take communion and make an identified offering?

If after a period of one year, you do not attend worship and make an identified offering, you lose your active membership status and are placed on an inactive membership list. Those on the inactive membership list lose the right to vote, speak at meetings of the congregation, or hold office.

Once a person is placed on the inactive membership list, it is the responsibility of the pastor and/or the council to attempt to contact the inactive members and encourage them to return to active practice of their faith in this congregation, or to find another church community in which they can serve our Lord.

If a person does not wish to return to the practice of their faith in this congregation, or cannot be located, then after a period of one year, their name shall be moved from the inactive member list and placed on a responsibility list. Those on the responsibility list may continue to receive the care and compassion of the congregation. However, if they wish to return to membership, they will have to be approved by the church council and make another affirmation of faith before the congregation.

So, is worship and making offerings all there is to membership?

Of course not! When we become members we not only affirm our faith in God through the words of the Apostle's Creed, but we make a number of promises including

- Intentionally being a part of the community
- Attending worship and receiving Holy Communion
- Sharing the good news of God in Christ, through our words and deeds

- Serving all people following the example of Jesus
- And strive for Justice and peace in all the earth

These are the promises we make before the congregation and each of us are able to do every one of these things, but there are also other things we do together to make this church work.

Nuts and Bolts of Church Life:

Churches are basically volunteer organizations. We do have paid staff to encourage, equip and empower us to do ministry, but the lion's share of the work is done by volunteers. If we were to pay volunteers for all the work they do, we would need to double, if not triple, our offerings and the budget of our church.

In a healthy church, volunteers do the lion's share of the education, administration, property maintenance, service ministries, welcoming and worship ministries of the church. Take a typical Sunday service, volunteers serve as ushers, audio-visual techs, readers, communion servers, acolytes and musicians. In a typical service, that is 11 volunteers not counting musicians!

Then, there are all the volunteers serving on committees, serving groups, auxiliary groups, and our education staff, not to mention our church council, the WELCA and countless people working

behind the scenes to get our newsletter out, office projects and countless other projects. When we add all these people together, it is astonishing.

That is why it is so important for everyone to use their gifts and talents. We can only be the church we were meant to be if each uses their God given talents to make a difference for Jesus.

So if you really want to be an active member it is more than showing up for worship and putting your cash in the offering plate. Beyond that God has equipped everyone with gifts and talents to be used in building up the body of Christ.

Of course that means that we as a church need to encourage, equip and empower each person to identify their gifts and put them to use. It may or may not be what we do for a living, but it should be something that counts.

That is especially important to our younger members coming into adulthood. The younger generation coming up won't be satisfied with riding the pews. If they do show up then they want to do something that counts, and it is our job to help them and everyone to do it, because that is what it really means to be part of the church. Christianity is not a spectator sport. God is calling us to make a difference and God is calling us to do it now.

—Pastor Steve



Then Jesus went to work on his disciples. "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?"

Matthew 16:25 MSG

Passing on the faith

Are you concerned about the future of the church? Have you ever wanted to pass on your knowledge, skill or interests to someone else? That's what a mentor does. If you care, you are needed!

A mentor shares their unique experience and important knowledge with someone who may not have any other way of discovering or attaining it. What

does that look like? Mentoring takes many forms.

Jesus was a mentor to the twelve disciples. He taught them about God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. He taught them about the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of God. They might have been able to learn some of what He taught them from others but Jesus had to clear up many ideas they already had.

The people who did know that God was sending a Messiah to save them were expecting a commanding, formidable king who would conquer and vanquish all enemies. They expected prosperity and comfort after an ultimate victory over all oppression and hardship.

We know that isn't what happened. Jesus taught the disciples that the true power is love. Jesus taught the disciples that His sacrifice would save them from the consequences of sin and death.

The disciples were then sent out two by two. They were not alone but paired up with someone who had a different background or experience than they did so that they could learn from each other and support each other. We are not created to be alone. We are to share and do more together than we can separately.

If you do anything, anywhere, especially here at Our Savior's,

teach someone else how to do it. Show someone else where things are in the kitchen and how to use them. Pray together. Show someone where the light switches are. Talk about a time God helped you. Show someone how to water the flowers - not too much and not too little.

Yes, we need mentors as confirmation group leaders and Sunday school teachers, and also as sound booth operators, newsletter assemblers, quilters, lawn mowers and much more. Remember who taught you the things you take for granted or treasure as being done “right”. Share your knowledge with others. No bit of knowledge and sharing and time together is too small for God to use to build the body of Christ. Be a mentor. Pass on your knowledge and experience. Pass on your faith!

Then he told them what they could expect for themselves: “Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You’re not in the driver’s seat—I am. Don’t run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I’ll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you?”

Luke 9:23-25 MSG

PS: As I wrote this, I went to Biblegateway.com to look up verses to share with ya’ll and

Matthew 16: 25 was the verse for the day. I chose to add it to this article. Then I entered “mentor” into the topic search for verses. The first to come up was Luke 9:23-25. Note the parallel. God always surprises!

God’s Peace,
Pastor Bobbi Bell

FAITH5 and Summer Bible Study

Summer worship is 9:00 am Sunday morning service and 6:30 pm Wednesday evening.

Following the Sunday service, Bible study continues in a FAITH5 format.

Before the Wednesday service, there will be a FAITH5 group at 5:30. All are welcome to explore the many ways God loves you and wants you to live in loving relationship!

OSLC MISSION:

Our Savior’s Lutheran Church is one people united in Christ, empowered by God’s grace through worship and the study of His Word, to glorify God by serving and witnessing in the community and the world.

OSLC YOUTH & FAMILIES

*One small step for kids...one
giant leap for God's Kingdom!*



Vacation Bible School

Sunday, August 4th –
Thursday, August 8th

Sunday start this year!

Follow along with VBS:

Theme Verse

*Glory to God who is able to do far
beyond all that we could ask or
imagine by his power at work
within us! Ephesians 3:20*

Discover where God can
take you!

August 4- Day 1: Go Beyond
with Faith

Bible Story: Daniel Trusts God in
the Lions' Den

Daniel 6

*No matter what circumstances we
face, we can always have faith in
God to help us in amazing ways!*

Question of the Day: What are
some ways we can go beyond
with our faith in God today?

August 5 - Day 2: Go Beyond
with Boldness

Bible Story: Queen Esther Takes
a Stand

Esther 4-9

*Because of our faith, we can be
bold and stand up for God, for
others, and for ourselves!*

Question of the Day: What are
some ways we can go beyond
with God in boldness today?

August 6 - Day 3: Go Beyond
with Kindness

Bible Story: The Good Samaritan
Helps a Fellow Traveler

Luke 10:25-37

*Because of our faith, we can share
God's love with others through our
words and actions!*

Question of the Day: What are
some ways we can go beyond
with God in kindness today?

August 7 - Day 4: Go Beyond
with Thankfulness

Bible Story: Jesus Heals 10
Lepers

Luke 17:11-19

*Because of our faith, we can make
the world a better place by giving
thanks in powerful ways!*

Question of the Day: What are

some ways we can go beyond with thankfulness to God and others today?

August 8 - Day 5: Go Beyond with Hope

Bible Story: Jesus Comforts Friends on the Way to Emmaus

Luke 24:13-35

Because of our faith, we can have hope as we walk with Jesus...at VBS and beyond!

Question of the Day: What are some ways we can go beyond with our hope in God today?

Refer a student to Lutheran Campus Ministry

Do you know a recent high school graduate or current college student? Help them find a church home at college with Lutheran Campus Ministry. Through this online form, you can refer a student to a community of faith on campus: lumin-networkreferral.org/student-referrals/

Recycle your aluminum cans and support the Youth & Family Ministry!

Drop off your cans in the fenced area next to the garage at the back of the parking lot.

Valleyfair Day!

Monday, August 12

Depart from church, 8:30 am

Enjoy a day at Valleyfair! All ages are welcome! Grades 7-12 will be in groups that will have designated check-in times. Students in Grades 5 and 6 will be in adult chaperoned groups. Students in Grade 4 and below are welcome to attend with a parent or guardian. Students go by 2018-2019 school year grade. Bring a lunch or spending money to buy lunch at the park. Dress for the weather!

AWESOME ADULTS are needed to chaperone. Speak with Diana if you are interested in spending the day guiding our students. Text or Call (320) 260-7651 Email: Diana.oslc@gmail.com or call church, 845-2405

Monday, August 12th
Depart: 8:30 am OSLC Parking Lot and Return: approximately 8:00 pm OSLC Parking Lot.

Transportation: Bus
COST: \$45.00 includes transportation and tickets. Scholarships are available— Please ask. Please return registration and payment by Thursday, August 8th. Make checks payable to “Our Savior’s Lutheran Church.” You can find registration in the Lobby, on Facebook, or email Diana.

Adult Vacation Bible School

August 4-8, 2019
Sunday thru Thursday! NEW!

Calling All Adults!!

Adult attendance grew from 6 in 2017 to 15 in 2018. This year's theme is To Mars and Beyond and the "Vector Verse" that directs the stories and activities is Ephesians 3:20 - "Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by His power at work within us!"

The daily themes are Go Beyond with: Faith, Boldness, Kindness, Thankfulness and Hope! In addition to the well attended student VBS, we will again offer an adult component because we all desire to know God and have fun learning how God is at work in us. We'll be amazed at what God has done and is doing beyond our imagination.

Register online or in the office, come one night or all week! Bring a friend and let's have fun celebrating God's presence in the universe together!

Summer Worship:

9:00 am Sundays
6:30 pm Wednesdays

Summer worship hours will continue through Labor day weekend. Then on the Sunday after Labor Day we want to pull the whole congregation back together for a celebration called "God's Work, Our Hands." That will be on September 9th. So for now save the date.

As for summer worship times:

Sunday Mornings: We will be using our regular worship service with a little time extra for our favorite hymns and songs of faith.

Wednesday Evenings: Wednesday worship is a great hit for weekend warriors and those who like to sleep in on Sundays. Once again this year we will have a shorter and more relaxed summer style worship followed by an ice cream sundae bar. Come and check it out!

Grief Support Group

If you are grieving any type of loss in your life, others can help; they too have been there. On **September 22nd**, after the second service, we will meet in the Fireside Room to plan a future support group. Please join us.

Newsletter deadline
is the 15th
of the month

Special Congregational Meeting - August 25th following the 9 am service

“Show me the manner in which a nation cares for its dead and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender mercies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land, and their loyalty to high ideals.” (Sir William Ewert Gladstone, December 29, 1809 - May 19, 1898)

It is our duty and our right to cherish and maintain the resting places of our dead. For us as a congregation with 3 cemeteries, that can be a challenge at times. Thankfully, the cemetery association at St. John’s Cemetery in Krain Township has done a good job of maintaining our cemetery north of town, and Eddie Katzner did a good job or co-coordinating the care of the Old Ebenezer Cemetery out by his place.

Now though, Eddie rests with our Lord and we are faced with the challenge of caring for not one but 2 cemeteries and perhaps 3 in the not too distant future.

How shall we do that?

Ideally, churches maintain perpetual care funds with the donations given in memory of loved ones and the fees paid for grave sites. These funds are typically invested in an endowment fund and the annual income is used for care of the

cemetery. Here unfortunately that has not been done. Instead we have lived in a hand to mouth fashion using the current donations and plot sales to finance current needs. As a result of this, we have struggled to pay the current expenses let alone tackle the larger projects we would like to get done.

Now we have a chance to make a difference.

Although Eddie and Vern did not leave directions with their bequests, we as a congregation can dedicate a portion of those bequests to the creation of a perpetual care fund to insure the future care of our cemeteries. We can also allocate additional funds to address immediate needs. This proposal will be coming before the congregation on August 25 following the 9:00 am service. We invite you to be present at that meeting.

Also at that meeting the council will be introducing the creation of a new cemetery association for the purpose of preserving and maintaining the cemeteries owned by Our Savior’s Lutheran Church.

Tuesday, August 20 All-Committee Night

Any committee reports or information can be sent to the office to be shared.

Reflections on GKTW Mission Trip by Pastor Bobbi Bell

A Special Place!

Have you ever had a very special place where you loved to be? I have. One of those places for me is Give Kids The World Village in Kissimmee Florida.

Someone recently told me that I should keep a special place to myself or it loses its specialness. I am very happy to say that couldn't be further from the truth. My greatest fear was that I had oversold the wonder of what happens at Give Kids The World. To see others embrace the special qualities of Give Kids The World has multiplied my joy exponentially!

Despite the challenges of coordinating details for 13 people rather than just myself, I could not have hand picked a more amazing group. The diversity in age, gender and experience was a joy and constant state of discovery. Ranging in ages from 13 to 70+ years old, there were skills, insights and "firsts" for everyone. People of different generations found common interests or feelings while working together for a common goal of helping others.

One challenge of mine was trying to gather all of the group together. We considered counting off or having a buddy.

Since there were 12 people, we decided I would call out "disciples!" (Just like Jesus' 12 disciples) I didn't think anyone would recognize that as calling to them - we usually respond to a call of our name. I was surprised to find that it worked very well!

Each day we had a few group devotion times based on FAITH5. That means we Shared our highs and lows, Read scripture, Talked about the scripture in relation to our highs and lows, Prayed for each other and others and Blessed each other.

The best part of the blessing was one time when I blessed each person by making the sign of the cross on their forehead. As the day went on, one person developed a white cross that appeared on their forehead. Unknown to me, the person before them had applied sunscreen to their face. The sunscreen transferred to my thumb and had then prevented tanning in the shape of a perfect cross!

Our group spent a total of 385 hours providing care to families of children with life threatening situations. They gave of themselves in various tasks including but not limited to carrying food trays, bussing tables, running a carousel, serving ice cream, helping conduct pony rides, delivering food to villas, assisting the pillow

tree or the star fairy in the castle, providing fishing gear, applying airbrush tattoos, make up or nail polish and getting into costume for a Christmas parade and dance party.

We were all stretched and challenged by rain, boring assignments, fatigue, hunger and the unexpected. God took us each by a gentle hand and carried us together into unknown territory. Our GKTW coordinator did a fantastic job of assigning us according to ages, abilities and my requests that we begin together, split up during the week and end together as a group. We talked often and made many adjustments before and after arriving. I later learned that we were her first assignment!

Like other volunteers and staff I have met during my several years going there, we keep in touch and feel a common joy and kinship I've only known with others at Christian gatherings. Being at GKTW or Synod assembly or Fellowship of Christian Athletes conferences or worshipping with y'all at Our Savior's is where I feel the most like myself; full of joy and truly authentically living into my purpose to serve God's mission. There were many fun and meaningful moments or comments while on the trip! I was overjoyed to hear others want to return because this had become a special place for them,

too! Ask any of the disciples about it. They have powerful stories to tell! A full two months later, my heart practically filled to bursting to see the enthusiasm and twinkle in their eyes as the team related their experiences the past couple of weeks to members of the congregation and each other!

Whether as a group or as individuals, having shared one of my very special places with others has only enhanced my feeling of joy when I think of GKTW. I am eager to return! I hope you have special places where you feel completely and genuinely yourself. Hint: God's embrace is always a special place eager to welcome you, always and everywhere!

Albany Food Shelf

The following items are needed this month at the Albany Food Shelf:

Fruit Snacks · Granola Bars

*Remember...*the first Sunday of every month is Food Shelf Sunday. Bring a food item donation for our local food shelf. The need is great, and with your help, people right here in our community are able to provide food on the table for their families. Donations can be dropped off in the designated bins in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

Thank you!

We want to thank everyone who came to celebrate the retirement of Pastor Steve and Diane on Sunday, July 21. Hugs and tears were shared. We pray for God's grace and peace to be with them as they step forward onto their next journey!



Holy Yoga begins a new session August 12

Join us for Holy Yoga, a new way to pray and hear God's word while you improve strength and balance. We are offering a new four-week session for Holy Yoga. We meet at church on Mondays at 6:30 pm. We will meet outside when the weather is nice, otherwise we will be in the Lobby.

Dates: **August 12, 19, 26, and September 9.**

Suggested donation for all four weeks is \$32.00, or walk-in rate is \$10.00 per class.

Instructor: Rebecca Pierskalla,
320-291-5129
rebeccapierskalla@gmail.com

Thank you for your Lenten generosity

Thank you for your gifts to ELCA World Hunger during Lent. With your home change jars and the proceeds from the Lenten Meals and Easter Breakfast, we were able to send a check for \$1893.68 to help World Hunger in their mission helping people in our own country and throughout the world. *God bless you all!*

Support Kristin Wolford, missionary to the Dominican Republic, with a gift or set up monthly support:
www.igo-worldwide.org
and click on Ramas Vivas.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

This year, Life & Mission Committee will be collecting the shoeboxes in September.

School supply sales will be starting soon (yikes!) so remember items to put into your shoeboxes as you are in shopping. We will have the Operation Christmas Child boxes available again in September—you'll find them in the Lobby.

You can find the list of suggestions and things you should not include in your boxes at OCC at Samaritan's Purse:
www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child



You're invited to

Mary's Circle Bible Study

The third Wednesday of the month. For June, July and August we will have a Noon Potluck with Bible study to follow. We will be studying the book of Esther.

August 21 · Noon

Join us for great discussions and thought!

Women's Ministry

Lady Generators

**Tuesday, August 20
9:00 am**

We are busy making plans for fall.



WELCA Meeting

August 24 · 9:30 am

All women are invited to the quarterly meeting of WELCA (Women of the ELCA). We meet in the Fellowship Hall and will be discussing the Craft and Bake Sale along with where to donate the money we have made from the garage sale and also the upcoming craft and bake sale.

Lefse Making end of October
Craft & Bake Sale November 2



The Quilting Squares have two more quilts ready to deliver to Terebinth Healing Center.

The need for quilts at Terebinth is ongoing, as each person who stays there can take their quilt with them when they leave.

Thank you for the wonderful yarn tying done on the second Wednesday of the month.

Please come join

**Wednesday, August 14
1:00 pm.**

Making quilts with love,
Elaine Randall, 320-260-8977

Prayer Chain

“Is any of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.” —James 5:13

Need a prayer? Want some help? Facing challenges, big or small? The power of many prayers can help you. Please contact the church office at 320-845-2405, to put Our Savior’s pray-ers in action. All requests are confidential and use a first name, initials, or just a friend from church. We will pray for you... God will hear, as He knows who you are!

Worship is Recorded

Worship is recorded to CD every Sunday. If you would like to listen to the service, please call the church office.

Our Savior’s Church Staff

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*Ministry Associate for Youth &
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Receptionist / Secretary:
Angela Mosman

Custodians:
Bestman & Josephine Dennis

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Monday–Friday · 9am–1pm

Monthly Finances

June Total	
General Fund Giving	\$14,791.73
General Fund Needed Each Month	\$20,979.75
General Funds Income thru June 30, 2019	\$112,685.73
General Funds Expenses thru June 30, 2019	\$124,063.11

“Simply Giving” Program

The “Simply Giving Program” is a way to automate your giving online, in a secure, automatic recurring contributions.

There are two ways to enroll. You can pick up a form at the office and use that to enroll or you can enroll online. For those who enroll online, you can view your history anytime. To enroll online, follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at oursaviorslutheranalbany.org,
 2. Click the Online Giving button
- Click the Create Profile button. Then follow the onscreen instructions to create your profile.



“Children’s children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.”

—Proverbs 17:6

“A good man leaves an inheritance for his children’s children, but a sinner’s wealth is stored up for the righteous.”

—Proverbs 13:22

“The LORD said, “I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him, to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just.”

—Genesis 18:19

“These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

—Deuteronomy 6:6-7

“The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him.”

—Proverbs 20:7

“Keep God’s decrees and commands, which I am giving you today, so that it may go well with you and your children after you and that you may live long in the land the LORD your God gives you for all time.”

—Deuteronomy 4:40

Lord you have given me these children to watch over and care for. Grant them your safety and your protection against all the schemes and temptations of the devil. Grant them the wisdom to get through life. Grant them the security of knowing that they rest firmly in your grasp. Thank you for giving me these children. All these things I pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

Worship Ministers—August 2019

Reader

Communion

Ushers

Sunday, August 4

9:00 am	Denise Croatt <i>Sound board: John Sundet</i>	Denise Croatt Joel Bengston Al Amdahl	Kyle & Michelle Evenson & Family
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Wednesday, August 7

6:30 pm *Sound board: Kevin Beuning*

Sunday, August 11

10:30 am	Hannah Finkelson <i>sound board: Pat Johnson</i>	Hannah Finkelson Lisa Beuning Lisa Halvorson	Mike & Patty Carbert
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Wednesday, August 14

6:30 pm *Sound board: Matt Rafteseth*

Sunday, August 18

9:00 am	Angie Aronson <i>sound board: Eric Ruch</i>	Sngie Aronson Kenzie & Kourtney Fauk	Mike & Jolene Lobitz
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Wednesday, August 21

6:30 pm *Sound board: Kevin Beuning*

Sunday, August 25

9:00 am	Kathy Hildreth <i>sound board: Jerry Stark</i>	Kathy Hildreth Sandy Paulsen Barb Fischer	Tim & Sally Sands & family
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Wednesday, August 17

6:30 pm *Sound board: Matt Rafteseth*



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