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**Our Saviors**  
Lutheran Church Vol. 30, No. 6

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Morning Worship at 9AM—Join  
In-Person or Online. Broadcast on KASM  
1150AM Radio at 1PM each Sunday

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# *the* Kindred Spirit

June & July  
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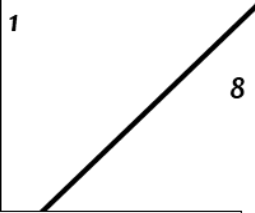
Ice Cream Social & Bean Bag Games

Following Worship on June 16th



# June 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2</b> 9am Worship Service— In-Person & Online 9am Lark Hanson Baptism 10:15am Fall Festival Meeting 1pm Worship on KASM Radio	<b>3</b> 12pm Staff Meeting 6pm Men's Garage	<b>4</b> 7pm NA Meeting	<b>5</b> 1pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm VBS Planning Meeting	<b>6</b> 1pm Prayer Circle	<b>7</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 11am-5pm Community Blood Drive at Seven Dolors	<b>1</b>  <b>8</b>
<b>Synod Assembly</b>						
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# Prayer Box

June & July 2024  
Fruit of the Spirit: JOY



“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

— Galatians 5:22-23

“Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

— Nehemiah 8:10

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”

— Romans 12:12

“For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.”

— Psalms 30:5

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

— Romans 15:13

“...rejoice always...”

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

*Heavenly Father, I come to You today to ask for Your joy. I know You are the source of all joy, and I ask that You would fill my heart with Your presence. Help me to see the good in my life, even when things are tough. Help me to be grateful for all that You have given me. I face nothing that is without purpose in Your perfect plan for me. Choosing to cling to joy when life is hard comes only through the power of Christ, who strengthens me and transforms the impossible into possible. I taste Your joy, Lord, but hunger for more. Satisfy my desire to be filled with joy as I remember You are always here, ever-present, and caring. Help me to share Your joy with others. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.*

# Pastor's Reflection

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, May 19th, with gratitude for her ten years of ministry at Our Savior's, we said farewell to Diana Brown as our Ministry Associate for Youth and Families. Diana now continues her journey in answering God's call to serve His Church through the Ministry of Word and Sacrament by doing a pastoral internship, which begins this summer.



For Our Savior's, we now transition into a new chapter of our ministry. At their May meeting, the church council affirmed the necessity for the position and tasked the Personnel Committee to begin their search for a new Director of Youth and Family Ministry. In the meantime, I will oversee the work of this position with volunteers helping in various ways. We have a goal of getting the position filled by August. However, we do have plans to ensure continuity throughout our ministry if we go into the fall with a vacancy in this position.

I am excited to see where God will take us next as we transition into this new chapter of our ministry at Our Savior's where we connect with God and each other.

**In Christ,  
Pastor Anthony**

## OUR SAVIOR'S FALL FESTIVAL PLANNING

There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, June 2nd following worship to begin the discussion and planning for our Fall Festival. If you have interest in helping with this event, please join us.



## Ice Cream Social & Bean Bag Toss

Mark your calendars! Our Savior's will be having an Ice Cream Social and Bean Bag Toss/Corn Hole games following church on Sunday, June 16th.



Volunteers are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.

## Financial Summary as of April 30, 2024

Current YTD vs Prior YTD (actuals)

General Fund Offerings/Income  
General Fund Expenses  
Net Difference  
*(income less expenses)*

	Apr-24	Apr-23
General Fund Offerings/Income	\$67,815	\$61,323
General Fund Expenses	\$85,060	\$80,215
Net Difference	<b>(\$17,245)</b>	<b>(\$18,892)</b>

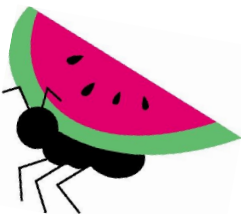
Annual Budget	Actual to-date
<i>Amounts Needed to meet Expenses</i>	<i>Amounts Given</i>
General Fund Offerings/Income	\$265,508
Average Per Month	\$22,126
Average Per Week	\$5,106
	\$67,815
	\$16,954
	\$3,989

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Average Per Month  
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*Please note: above information is based on General Fund giving and does not include designated funds.*

## Worship & Picnic in the Park—Save the Date!

Our third annual worship and picnic in the park will be Sunday, August 4th at North Park Pavilion (Jaycee's Shelter). Worship will be at 9am with a potluck picnic to follow!



## Albany Community Blood Drive

Donate Blood. Help Save Lives. The American Red Cross will be holding a community Blood Drive on Friday, June 7th from 11am—5pm at Seven Dolores Catholic Church in Albany. Appt/Info: Call Edna Goebel at 320-291-6623

## Church Birthday Party

Our Savior's Church Birthday Party is scheduled for Sunday, July 14. Join us for cake and refreshments after worship!!



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

Ramen  
BBQ Sauce

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## Isabella Louise Espe

Born: 12/18/2023

Parents: Karen Folkens & Stanislav Espe

Sponsors: Emily Stanley & Mike Espe  
Baptized: May 19, 2024

## 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 of the world.*

## June & July Worship Volunteers

	<u>Lesson Reader</u>	<u>Audio/Visual</u>
9am Sunday, June 2nd	Rolly Hanson	Kevin Beuning & Matt Eggert
9am Sunday, June 9th	Jolene Lobitz	Eric Ruch & Matthew Rafteseth
9am Sunday, June 16th	Pat Johnson	Kevin & Lisa Beuning
9am Sunday, June 23rd	Denise Croatt	Pat Johnson & Jerry Stark
9am Sunday, June 30th	Deb Kurtz	Kevin Beuning & Jerry Stark
9am Sunday, July 7th	Paul Fauk	Kevin & Lisa Beuning
9am Sunday, July 14th	Judy Evenson	Eric Ruch & Jerry Stark
9am Sunday, July 21st	Kyle Evenson	Matt Eggert & Pat Johnson
9am Sunday, July 28th	Angie Aronson	Lisa Beuning & Matthew Rafteseth

### **Don't forget about your offering!!**

Give in-person, online through the link found on the church website home page, or the Give+ app!!



## Women's Bible Study

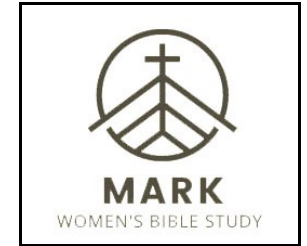
In June and July, our women's Bible study will continue working through the Gospel of Mark.

Wednesday, June 5th—Mark 14:1-31

Wednesday, June 19th—Mark 14:32-72

Wednesday, July 3rd—Mark 15

Wednesday, July 17th—Mark 16



Bible study begins at 1:00pm. Before each Bible study in June and July, there will be a potluck meal beginning at 12:00pm.

### Open Position at OSLC—Director of Youth and Family Ministry

Our Savior's is looking for a part-time, Director of Youth and Family Ministry. This position focuses on building disciples for Christ within relational environments and equipping our students and families to share their faith with others. We're looking for someone who can build relationships with people of all ages, especially ages 3-18.



The full job description is available at [www.oursaviorslutheranalbany.org/employment](http://www.oursaviorslutheranalbany.org/employment) or at the QR code above.



Our next Men's Garage gathering will be Monday, June 3rd at 6:00pm. There's great food. Cold drinks. Lively discussion about life. If you would like to join in the excitement, join us at **Mike Aronson's garage — 421 7th Street N, Albany**

# 2024 Vacation Bible School

CAMP FIRELIGHT: A SUMMER CAMP ADVENTURE WITH GOD



Vacation Bible School at Our Savior's will be August 4-8th from 5:30-8:30pm each night

VBS is an opportunity for children to connect with God and each other. The program is open to children ages 3 (potty trained) through 5th grade. Each evening will include: a meal, Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and more!

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!**

Register online or by scanning the QR code below.

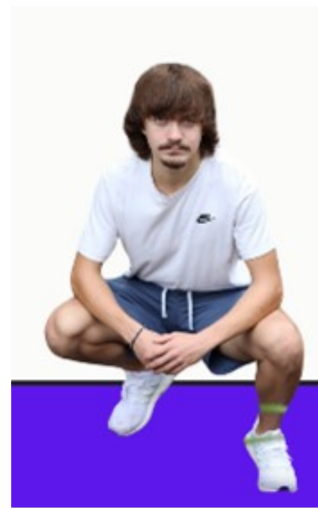
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## **Joe Hoff**

Son of Michelle & Jesse Hoff

Future Plans: Attend St. Cloud Technical & Community College for Water Environment Technology



## **Madi Ramler**

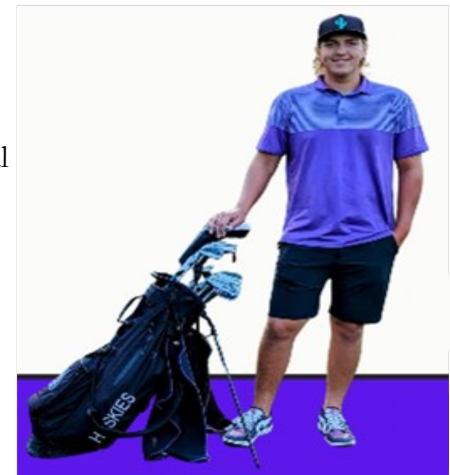
Daughter of Darcy & Eric Ramler

Future Plans: Attend Concordia College Moorhead for Biology



**Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.**

**Deuteronomy 31:6**



## **Daniel Mueller**

Son of Kristi & John Mueller

Future Plans: Attend Minnesota State University Mankato, undeclared

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OSLC

## 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

May God's love and guidance be with you  
as you start your next journey!



### **Hope Aronson**

Daughter of Angie & Mike Aronson

Future Plans: Attend University of South Dakota  
in Vermillion, SD for Mathematics



### **Mitchell Bartell**

Son of Susan & Robert Schleper

Future Plans: Attend Minnesota State University  
Moorhead for Special Education



### **Conner Finkelson**

Son of Joy & Scott Finkelson

Future Plans: Attend University of  
North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND  
for Physical Therapy

Vacation Bible School isn't only for kids... Join us for Adult VBS!

Do you miss the Vacation Bible School from your youth?? Well, take heart!!!! An Adult version of VBS will be held at the same time as the children's VBS—evenings of August 4-8th. Experience the same Bible stories as the children along with some interesting crafts and science projects designed especially with adults in mind. Please contact Kaye Schmainda at 320-356-7149 or 320-333-2088 to reserve a spot.

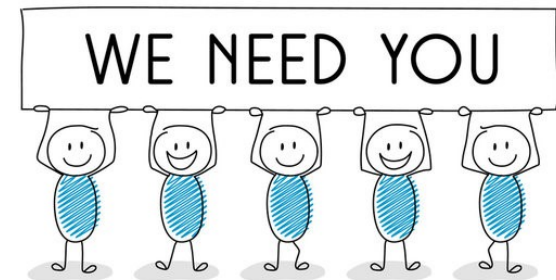
### Looking for VBS Helpers

Last year at Vacation Bible School, we helped 50 children connect with God and each other. This year, we need your help to continue impacting the lives of many children in our community.

You can help with VBS in a variety of ways:

- † Meals (Prepare/Serve/Cleanup)
- † Help with crafts
- † Teach a Bible story
- † Decorate
- † Run Projection
- † Provide food items
- † Lead a game
- † Pray for our VBS children

There will be a **VBS planning meeting on Wednesday, June 5th at 6:30pm**. If you would like to help but are unable to attend the meeting, please connect with Pastor Anthony.



"WHENEVER I'M AFRAID, I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU."

PSALM 56:3

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