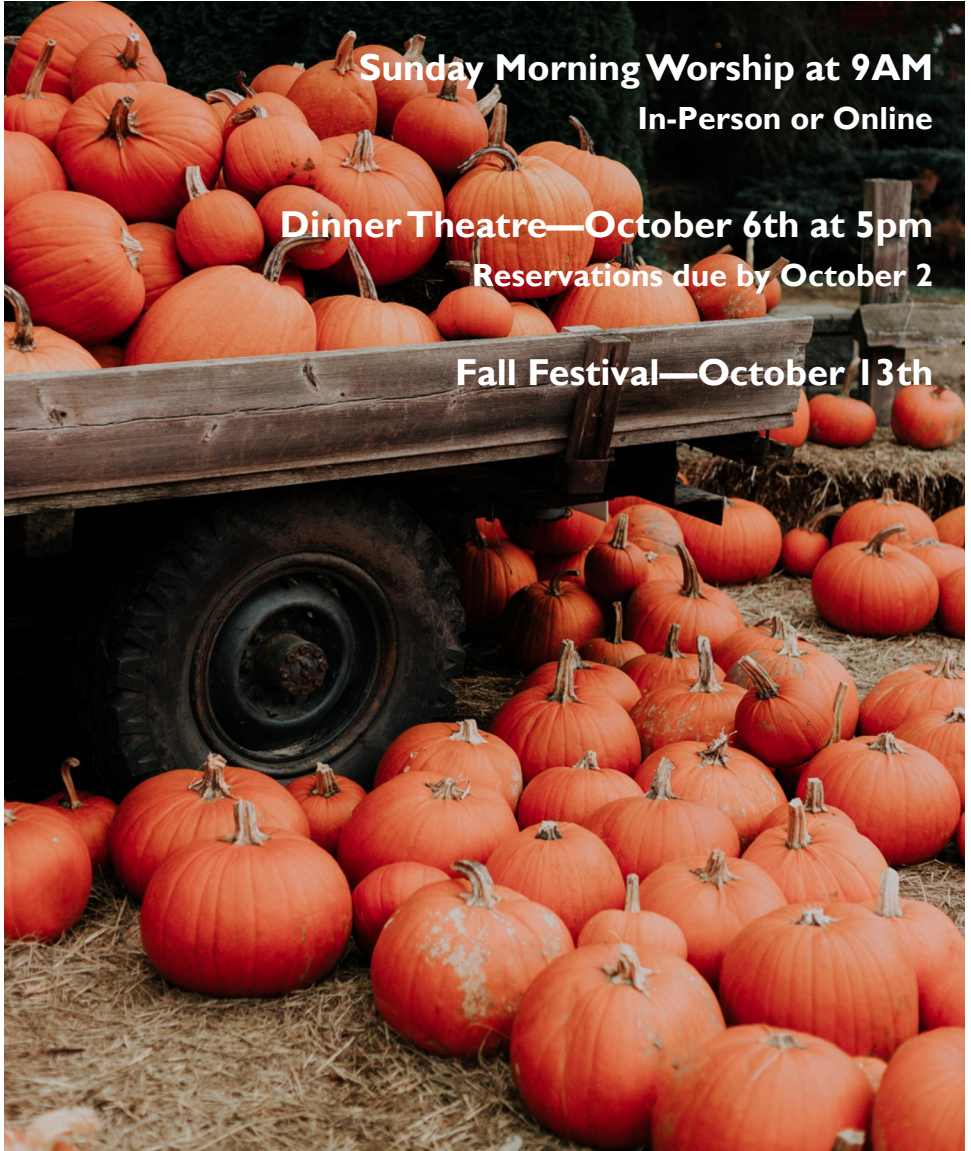




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Additions to the calendar? Email Our Savior's Lutheran Church office: oursaviors@albanytel.com or call 320-845-2405

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9/29 9am Worship Service— In-Person & Online 10:15 Faith Explorers 10:15 Filled with Grace Session 1pm Worship on KASM Radio	9/30 12pm Staff Meeting	1 5:30pm Dinner Theatre Practice 7pm NA Meeting	2 1pm Women's Bible Study 5:15 GIFT—Meal, Worship & Activities 7:30pm Choir Practice	3 OFFICE CLOSED 1pm Prayer Circle <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Dinner Theatre Set Up</div>	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 Women's Gathering in St. Cloud
6 9am Worship Service— In-Person & Online 10:15 Faith Explorers 1pm Worship on KASM Radio 4:30pm Dinner Theatre Doors Open, 5pm Show & Meal	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8 OFFICE CLOSED 7pm NA Meeting	9 1pm Quilting Squares 5:15 GIFT—Meal, Worship & Activities 7:30pm Choir Practice	10 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30am Great River Conference PALS 6:30pm NIB Team Meeting	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12
13 9am Worship Service— In-Person & Online 10am Congregational Meeting 10:30am Fall Festival 10:15am Faith Explorers 1pm Worship on KASM Radio	14 OFFICE CLOSED 6pm Men's Garage—Ron Paulsen's Garage 7pm Garden Club Meeting	15 9:30am Lady Generators 7pm NA Meeting	16 1pm Women's Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice	17	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19
20 9am Worship Service— In-Person & Online 1pm Worship on KASM Radio	21 12pm Staff Meeting 6pm Congregational Council Meeting 6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 206 Meeting	22 7pm NA Meeting	23 5:15 GIFT—Meal, Worship & Activities 7:30pm Choir Practice	24 6:30pm NIB Team Meeting	25 OFFICE CLOSED 1pm Lefsa Making	26 8am Lefsa Making
27 Confirmation Sunday 9am Worship Service— In-Person & Online 10:15 Faith Explorers 1pm Worship on KASM Radio	28 12pm Staff Meeting 6pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting 7pm Building & Grounds Committee Meeting	29 7pm NA Meeting	30 5:15 GIFT—Meal, Worship & Activities 7pm Trunk or Treat 7:30pm Choir Practice	31	11/1 OFFICE CLOSED Luther Crest Summer Camp Registration Opens	11/2 9am Craft Sale

Please check the website calendar for schedule changes and/or cancellations: OurSaviorsLutheranAlbany.org

Pastor's Reflection



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

Our ministry theme this year is titled *FulFilled: Filling Our Faith Backpacks*. And first “thing” that we are putting in our backpack is “Grace.” The word Grace means freely give, unmerited favor. Grace is where we start because without grace, we can’t follow Jesus. Without grace, we’re nothing. Without grace, we could have to earn God’s love. And we are unable to do anything that can earn God’s love and favor.

Being filled with God’s grace, we can follow Jesus. Because we know that we are welcomed into God’s family not because of what we have or have not done, but solely because of what Jesus has done for us. That’s grace! And that’s the first “thing” that we put in our backpack of faith. Grace is where it all begins. And being filled with God’s Grace, we can live for today, and plan for tomorrow.

In Christ,
Pastor Anthony



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please join us following worship on Sunday, October 13 for a congregational meeting to discuss roof replacement options due to hail damage. Then stick around to enjoy the Fall Festival.

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
WOMEN PRESENTS**

A Comic Mystery

DINNER THEATRE

"AND SO THEY HAD NONE"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 5 PM

\$ 30 TICKET INCLUDES DINNER & SHOW

RESERVATIONS 320-250-0273

The women of Our Savior's Lutheran Church present "And So They Had None" a comic mystery dinner theatre for adults. Your \$30 ticket includes a three-course dinner and show. For reservations call Deb at 320-250-0273. Menu choices selected during reservations; your choice of chicken alfredo, lasagna, or meatless gluten-free lasagna, salad, vegetables, and dessert.

All tickets are to be paid in advance, deadline October 2nd.

"A Night in Bethlehem" Returns



SAVE THE DATE!!

Sunday, December 8th will see the return of "A Night in Bethlehem" at Our Savior's. Marketplace: 4:30pm—6:00pm and Nativity Play: 6:15pm-7:00pm. Mark your calendars so you don't miss this event.

"Are you willing to help?" Questionnaire

Please fill out the questionnaire included in this newsletter and available in the Narthex if you would like to help with this experiences. Many people are needed!! Please return the questionnaire to the box in the lobby of Our Savior's or mail to the church by October 13th. Direct any questions to Lisa Beuning 320-291-1114 or Kaye Schmainda 320-356-7149. Thank you!!

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

Fall Festival

Donate Your
Time by
Volunteering

Bring Salad
or Dessert
to Share

FOOD SILENT AUCTION GAMES

Church is providing **CHILI**

OCTOBER 13, 2024

Bring an
Item for the
Silent
Auction

10:30am-12:30pm

All Proceeds
Donated to the
Church

for more info:
320-845-2405

www.Facebook.com/OSLC56307

Free Will Offering



The ladies of the congregation have a busy October getting ready for a full season ahead. If you are a confirmed lady of the congregation, please join us for any of the upcoming events. Contact Deb Solarz with questions.

- † **Women's Gathering**—located in St. Cloud on October 5th
- † **Monthly Meeting**—October 15th at 9:30am in the Fireside Room
- † **Lefsa Making**—Mark your calendar for October 25 & 26 to help make lefsa for our annual sale. We will begin on Friday (25th) at 1:00pm and continue Saturday (26th) morning at 8:00am. Everyone is welcome to help. Many hands makes the work go faster with lots of laughter and fun! No experience necessary, we will teach you!
- † **Annual Craft & Bake Sale**— Our annual craft, bake, lefsa, and Christmas flea market will be on November 2nd. It runs from 9am-2pm. More information will follow with times to bring in your crafts and goodies for the sale. Thanks for helping the women with this project.

Men's Garage

Our next Men's Garage gathering will be Monday, October 14th at 6:00PM at **Ron Paulsen's—326 Golfview Drive, Albany.**

There's great food & cold drinks.

If you would like to host a Men's Garage gathering, please talk to Pr.

Anthony for all the details.



Women's Bible Study

During Bible Study on Wednesdays, we are working through the book *Ecclesiastes*.

In October, we'll be looking at:
October 2nd—Chapter 3
October 16th—Chapter 4



Trunk or Treat



Wednesday, October 30th—7:00pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Parking Lot

At the end of GIFT on October 30th, there will be a Trunk or Treat. Those participating in GIFT are encouraged to wear/bring a costume to GIFT.

We are looking for "Trunks" and individuals to hand out candy. If you are interested in participating, please talk to Pr. Anthony.

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 equip 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 or at the QR code above.



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

Brownie Mix
Frosting

Items can be dropped off in the box in the narthex at church or delivered directly to the Food Shelf located across the street from the church in the Senior Center building.

Albany Food Shelf Hours

1st Thursday—mornings
3rd Thursday—Early evenings
Connect with Edna
320-291-6623
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

October Worship Volunteers

Lesson Reader

Audio/Visual

9am Sunday, Oct. 6th

Paul Fauk

Pat Johnson &
Jerry Stark

9am Sunday, Oct. 13th

Barb Fischer

Kevin & Lisa Beuning

9am Sunday, Oct. 20th

Jolene Lobitz

Lisa Beuning &
Matt Eggert

9am Sunday, Oct. 27th

Judy Evenson

Eric Ruch &
Matthew Rafteseth

Financial Summary as of August 31, 2024

Current YTD vs Prior YTD (actuals)

General Fund Offerings/Income

General Fund Expenses

Net Difference

(income less expenses)

Aug-24

\$127,236

\$159,823

(\$32,586)

Aug-23

\$113,503

\$158,310

(\$44,807)

Annual Budget

Actual to-date

*Amounts Needed
to meet Expenses*

*Amounts
Given YTD*

General Fund Offerings/Income

\$265,508

\$127,236

Average Per Month

\$22,126

\$15,905

Average Per Week

\$5,106

\$3,742

*** Above information is based on General Fund giving and does not include designated funds.

Don't forget about your offering!!

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



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Santa's Pioneer Village Decorating

We will once again be decorating a building at Santa's Pioneer Village, located at the Albany Pioneer Grounds. If you are interested in helping decorate or have any decorations we could use, please contact Pr. Anthony. Decorating date to come.



“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

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

— Ephesians 4:32

“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

— Matthew 7:12

“But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.”

— Luke 6:35

“But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.”

— Titus 3:4-5

Most Precious God, I come before you with a humble heart, seeking the grace to nurture generosity within me. Help me see the needs of others, and grant me the strength to share what I have with an open hand. In giving, may I find joy, and in generosity, may I reflect your boundless love. Thank you for the abundance in my life. I pray for a world where kindness prevails over cruelty, compassion over indifference. Guide my actions and words so that they may be a source of comfort and love to those around me. Let kindness be the melody that plays in my heart, reaching out to all in need. Thank you for the gift of kindness.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.



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

GIFT every Wednesday beginning at 5:15PM

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