



the Kindred Spirit

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Sunday Morning Worship at 9AM
In-Person & Online

Broadcast on 1150AM KASM Radio
Sundays at 1PM

OSLC Garage Sale
May 1st—3rd



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4/27 9am Worship Service— In-Person & Online 10:15am Faith Explorers 1pm Worship on KASM Radio	4/28 12pm Staff Meeting 6pm Worship & Music Meeting 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 206 Meeting 7pm Building & Grounds Meeting	4/29 7pm NA Meeting	4/30 9am Garage Sale Set-Up	1 9am Garage Sale Set-up 1pm Prayer Circle 5-7pm Garage Sale Open	2 OFFICE CLOSED 8am-5pm Garage Sale Open	3 8am-12pm Garage Sale Open
4 9am Worship Service— In-Person & Online 10:15am Faith Explorers 1pm Worship on KASM Radio	5 9:30am Garage Sale Cleanup 12pm Staff Meeting	6 7pm NA Meeting	7 1pm Women's Bible Study	8 9:30am Great River Conference PALS	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10
11 9am Worship Service— In-Person & Online 1pm Worship on KASM Radio <p style="text-align: center;">Happy Mother's Day!!</p>	12 6pm Men's Garage—Mike Aronson's 7pm Garden Club	13 7pm NA Meeting	14 1pm Quilting Squares	15	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17
18 Graduate Sunday 9am Worship Service— In-Person & Online 10am Graduate Reception 1pm Worship on KASM Radio	19 12pm Staff Meeting 6pm Congregational Council Meeting 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 206 Meeting	20 9:30am Lady Generators 7pm NA Meeting	21 1pm Women's Bible Study	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24
25 9am Worship Service— In-Person & Online 1pm Worship on KASM Radio	26 OFFICE CLOSED Happy Memorial Day! 9am Worship Service	27 7pm NA Meeting	28	29	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31

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

Pastor's Reflection

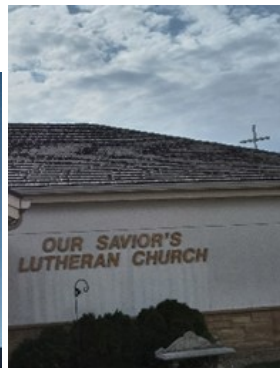
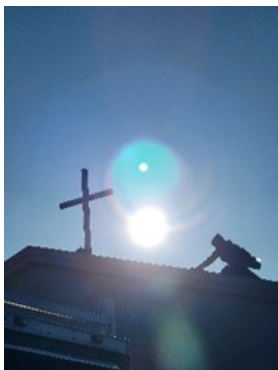
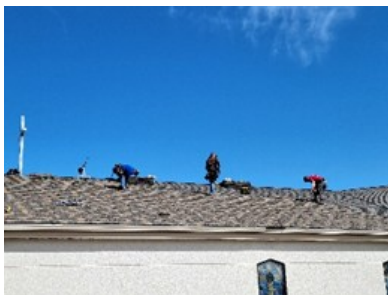
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Well, we did it! You did it! At the end of March, we announced a \$9,000 matching challenge to get the roof project fully paid for by Easter Sundy. And we did it! We not only met the matching challenge, but with a grant from the Our Savior's Lutheran Endowment Fund, we also raised all of the funds needed to pay for the roof by Easter. That's nearly \$50,000 above our normal ministry expenses raised in less than six months.

When we first picked our ministry theme for this year, *Being FulFILLED*, I had no idea that we would be *Filled* in so many ways. Throughout this ministry theme, we focused on being filled with Grace, Gratitude, Hope, Trust, Abundance, and Life. And through your great generosity, we are *Filled with Thankfulness*. Thankfulness for your support, your participation, and your gifts. This roof project would not have been possible without you all chipping in.

Together we have put a durable, reliable product on our roof that ensures future generations will have a place to connect with God and each other. THANK YOU!

In Christ,
Pastor Anthony





THIS WEEK !



Church Garage Sale!

MAY 1-3

**Thursday
5:00-7:00**

**Friday
8:00-5:00**

**Saturday
8:00-Noon**

**Come shop &
support the
ministries of
the Women
of Our
Savior's!**

Summer Worship Schedule



This summer there will be no midweek worship service on Wednesdays. Our weekly worship schedule beginning May 5th is:

9:00am Sunday (in-person—online)

1:00pm Sunday (KASM radio)

Women's Bible Study— Romans



The Women's Bible Study on Wednesdays

will be beginning a new book in May. We will be studying Paul's letter to the Romans. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm.

† May 7th—Romans 1

† May 21st—Romans 2

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.

Memorial Day Worship—Monday, May 26

You are invited to pause and reflect on the sacrifices that our service members have made in maintaining our country's freedom. We begin with a community worship service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. And then we move to Veteran's Park.

9:00am—Worship Service at Our Savior's

10:00am—Memorial Day Service at Veteran's Park



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.



Our next Men's Garage gathering will be Monday, May 12th at 6:00pm at Mike Aronson's Garage—421 7th St N, Albany.

If you are interested in hosting a future Men's Garage gathering please talk to Pastor Anthony for all the details.

OSLC YOUTH & FAMILIES

First Holy Communion

On Sunday, April 13th during Palm Sunday worship, we welcomed 7 young people to God's table as they received the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. Congratulations to the following students: Gabby Burg, Aubrey Larson, Scarlett Mehr, Brooks Knakmuhs, Evelyn Mehr, Alice Schmitz, and Oliva Planting.

We also welcome Caleb & Amelia Ramler (not pictured) to the table on Sunday, April 27 as they receive their first Holy Communion during worship.



Family Camp for \$100

This summer, your family (parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren) can attend one of Luther Crest's family camps for only \$100! Typically, this week can cost up to \$800, but because of a generous donor, you and your family can spend a week on the beautiful shores of Lake Carlos in Alexandria for only \$100. The available weeks are:

- † June 29—July 2 (half week)
- † July 27—August 1
- † August 3—8



Talk to Pastor Anthony for more information on how to get registered.

2025 Vacation Bible School!! - August 3-7th

Let's get on the go with God!

At Road Trip VBS, students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are on the go with God. Through music, stories, games, and crafts, they will become travelers and discover how God is with them wherever they go.



Join us Sunday, August 3rd—Thursday, August 7th from 5:30pm-8:20pm. Each evening begins with a child-friendly meal.

Registration is open to the community for children age 3 (potty trained) to fifth grade (completed). Register now on the church website or by scanning the QR code with your phone camera.



This week takes many hands to be successful. Sign up to volunteer during registration or contact our office if interested in helping.

Register Today for Summer Day Camp at OSLC

Luther Crest will be coming to lead a day camp this summer from June 23rd-26th. The day camp runs from 8:45am—3:00pm Monday through Thursday. Day camp is a Christ-centered experience, open to the community, for students that have completed

Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. Day camp introduces students to Bible Camp experience without being away from home at night. And because of a generous donor, the cost for the week of day camp has been reduced from \$130 to **\$30!** For additional information and to register, you can visit the church website or scan the included QR code.



May Worship Volunteers

Lesson Reader

Audio/Visual

9am Sunday, May 4th

Dwight Christen

Matt Eggert &
Lisa Beuning

9am Sunday, May 11th

Jolene Lobitz

Jerry Stark &
Kevin Beuning

9am Sunday, May 18th

Deb Kurtz

Kevin Beuning &
Matthew Rafteseth

9am Sunday, May 25th

Al Amdahl

Eric Ruch &
Pat Johnson

Memorial Day Service

9am Monday, May 26th

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Matthew Rafteseth



Worship & Music Committee Update

The Worship and Music Committee met on March 24 with a full agenda reviewing services and finalizing plans for the busy months of April and May. The committee also reviewed plans for special events in June/July/August. Music, Audio/Visual including Facebook and KASM, Communion, Readers, and Alter paraments as well as any special décor for the season are all coordinated by this committee.

Upcoming—May 11 will be a Praise Team Sunday, May 26 OSLC will host a Memorial Day Service.

Looking Ahead—June 8 is wear red for Pentecost, June 29 is a 5th Sunday Hymn Sing, and August 3 will be Worship in the Park and Picnic.

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Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee held their first quarter meeting on March 26, 2025. Attending were Pastor Anthony, Matt Eggert, Michelle Polaski, and Barb Fischer. We discussed our posting for the Youth and Family Ministry position, and discussed how to continue to fill key elements of the position. Angie Burg has agreed to be our VBS Coordinator this summer. We will be completing employee reviews in May.



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

**Coffee
Hot Chocolate**

**Newsletter deadline is
the 20th of the month!!**

Prayer Box

May 2025
Mother's Love



“Behold, everyone who uses proverbs will use this proverb about you: ‘Like mother, like daughter.’”

— Ezekiel 16:44

“She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.”

— Proverbs 31:25-26

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.”

— Exodus 20:12

“Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. They are a garland to grace your head & a chain to adorn your neck.”

— Proverbs 1:8-9

“Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ‘many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.’”

— Proverbs 31:28-29

“An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.”

— Proverbs 31: 10-12

Heavenly Father, bless women everywhere. We pray especially for all those mothers, grandmothers and sisters who work to care for family members in need while forging their own paths in life. May their loving hearts and nurturing spirits be blessed with strength and joy. God of all, God of hope, We pray for women and girls today. That they will be all they can be. Give us courage to speak and work for equality and justice until the earth is filled with righteousness and love. We ask this in the Precious and Holy name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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GIFT on Wednesdays returns this Fall

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