

# This Week at Our Savior – May 5-12

<b>Sunday</b>	Fellowship Hour <b>Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>	9am 10am
	<i>Reception to Honor High School Graduates</i>	<i>following worship</i>
<b>Monday</b>	Staff Meeting Property Team Meeting Executive Committee Grief & Loss Class	10:30am 5:30pm 5:45pm 6:30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	WELCA Board Meeting <i>Cluster Clergy Text Study</i> Communion at Countryview Communion at Kinship	10am 10am 2:00pm 3:30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>WACAM Meeting</i> Joy Circle	10:30am 2pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Kinship Bible Study	3:30pm
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	Muffins with Mom <b>Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>	9am 10am

## READINGS

The lectionary readings for May 11 & 12 are Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19.

## PRAYER VENTURES

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has published daily prayer ventures for us to follow. These prayer petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Printed copies of the monthly Prayer Ventures guide are available in the back of the church; or find it online at: <https://www.elca.org/Resources/Prayer-Ventures>.

## BE INVITATIONAL

Invite someone to worship with you. All of us know someone who needs the Lord and a place to worship and serve. In your circle of influence be an influence for Jesus Christ. **Your invitation will make a difference in that person's life!**

## ONLINE GIVING

You can give electronically to OSLC—just download the Vanco Mobile app.



# Announcements

## WELCOME

A joyous welcome to you all! We are here to celebrate the glorious victory of Christ over sin and death. Let us rejoice exuberantly and give God the glory. Hallelujah! The Lord lives and reigns. Forever and forever. Welcome one and all!

**We ask all worshippers to please share with us their presence by signing the Welcome to Worship pad as it is passed in the pew. Prayer Request cards can be found in the hymnal racks.**

## HEARING ASSISTANCE

Hearing devices are available at the sound tech desk at the back of the sanctuary.

## RADIO BROADCAST

In loving memory of Fred & Lena Heier's birthdays from Byron & Barb Heier. Radio broadcast of our Sunday morning worship service can be heard live on AM 1590 and FM 98.9, online at [waynedailynews.com](http://waynedailynews.com) and the Wayne Radio app.

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

As a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, this is an open table, all are welcome to come and celebrate Holy Communion. We commune because Jesus told us to do so to remember him. In remembering him, our faith is strengthened as together we "proclaim the Lord's death" for the world and for forgiveness of sins.

**Clear juice** is provided for those who prefer an alternative to wine and **Gluten free wafers** are available.

## 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Fellowship Ministry Team will host a reception in honor of Our Savior's High School graduates following worship this **Sunday, May 5**. Everyone is invited to attend.

Please keep our graduates and all graduates—high school and college—in your prayers as they embark on a new chapter in their lives.



## MUFFINS WITH MOM

The Fellowship Ministry Team will host **Muffins with Mom!** next **Sunday, May 12—Mother's Day, during the Fellowship Hour from 9–9:45am**. Join us for muffins, coffee and fellowship as we **celebrate Mother's Day! All are welcome!**

## THE DAY OF PENTECOST

We celebrate Pentecost **May 18 & 19** as a rebirth for God's people. **We ask that all worshippers wear something red to proclaim the presence of the Holy Spirit.** It is wonderful to see a sea of red in worship, as we acknowledge the Holy Spirit who inspires our worship and our faith, and gives us the power, week



by week, to proclaim the good news about the kingdom of God. Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church, the Church that is not a building, but a people.

## FOUNDATION GRANTS & GIFTS

The second-quarter meeting of the Foundation Board of Our Savior Lutheran Church will be held on **Monday, May 20**, at 7pm. All grant applications need to be turned in by **Monday, May 13**, to be considered. Applications are available in the church office.

The Foundation is once again encouraging members of Our Savior to support the work of the Foundation by making a Memorial Day Remembrance gift to honor someone special or as a memorial to a deceased loved one.

Monetary contributions to the Foundation are safely invested and only the income from the funds is spent, not the principal itself. The generosity of many makes it possible for the Foundation to support several worthwhile projects that enhance the lives of many in our congregation and elsewhere.

(A form was included in the May Newsletter or you may pick one up at the information desk.)

## BIBLE STUDY AT KINSHIP

Bible Study at Kinship meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, at 3:30pm. This study led by Sharon Garvin uses Lectionary readings and a resource from the ELCA entitled, *Daily Discipleship*. Join them this **Thursday, May 9, 3:30pm**. Everyone is welcome.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Do you or someone you know have an interest in joining the church? We will host a **new member orientation** on **Sunday, May 19**, following worship for anyone interested in joining the church. **New members will be received on Sunday, June 9**. Please contact Pr. Chad or the church office to let us know of your interest.

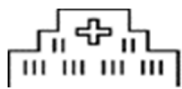
## RHUBARB FOR PIES-4-YOU

If you (or your neighbor!) have rhubarb ready and would like to donate it to the annual Pies-4-You fundraiser, **please chop it up into small pieces (ready for a pie) and put into freezer bags**. It can be put in the church freezers (storage area at back of social room, north freezer). If you have questions, please contact the church office.

## USE THE CHURCH DIRECTORY APP...

**IT'S THE PERFECT RESOURCE TO STAY CONNECTED!** Get our church directory on your mobile device! Call and text members easily. Available for Android & Apple devices. Search for "Instant Church Directory" from your App Store. Once installed, you can create a login using your email listed in the directory.

**Note: We can add/change pictures in the directory at any time and we'd love to update everyone's profile!** If you have a new picture you'd like to use, simply email it to the church office ([kris@oslcwayne.org](mailto:kris@oslcwayne.org)) or there is also the option of uploading it yourself.



## HOSPITALIZED

If you have a family member who is hospitalized and would like to have a visit or be added to the prayer list, please contact the Church Office at 402-375-2899. Hospitals do not always inform us of a parishioner being admitted to the hospital, so please let us know if you or your loved one is hospitalized.

## SIGN UP NOW FOR VBS 2024!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
2024

**SCUBA**  
diving into friendship with God

NEW FRIENDS | AMAZING EXPERIMENTS | ADVENTURES  
GAMES | SNACKS | MUSIC

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
Sunday, May 19 - Tuesday, May 21  
Ages: PreK-5th Grade  
5:30 - 7:30pm  
\*A light meal will be provided.

For more information contact Virginia  
[virginiakniesche@gmail.com](mailto:virginiakniesche@gmail.com) or the church office  
[oslc@oslcwayne.org](mailto:oslc@oslcwayne.org)

We hope to "SEA" you there!  
Register @ [tinyurl.com/rzjkat9j](https://tinyurl.com/rzjkat9j)

**BE A VBS VOLUNTEER!**  
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([oslc@oslcwayne.org](mailto:oslc@oslcwayne.org)) to see how you can help!



## GOSPEL MESSAGE

May 5, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### *The Unconditional Love of Disciple-Friends*

Friend requests are a common feature of Facebook and similar digital platforms. When it comes to social media, “friends” are just a click away. But there is no automatic guarantee of accountability, warmth, relationship, or true belonging in a virtual community. In stark contrast, Jesus invites the disciples to become part of a community where selfless, sacrificial, unconditional *agape* love is the core criterion. The kingdom, or “kin-dom,” of God is present wherever God’s people are affirmed as children of God and siblings in Christ. But Jesus gives his disciples an additional identity: that of “friends.”

In the new status Jesus confers on his disciples, the single most important criterion is love, including the readiness to lay down one’s life for another. Jesus has just taught this lesson by example when he washed the feet of his disciples, including Judas Iscariot. The new commandment to love one another as Jesus loved us summarizes the whole of the gospel mandate. It is not an easy commandment by any human standards, but it is possible because Jesus himself showed us the way and forgives us when we fall short. The status of “disciple-friends” is not a request for the church, but a faith mandate.

How can we live as disciple-friends of Jesus in this world? When we believe, trust, obey, and follow the word, and the new commandment Jesus gave his disciples, a real new community is born. When we learn to embrace the other—those who are marginalized and “othered”—we partner with God in enabling the image of God to blossom to its fullest.

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### **In Our Prayers . . . May 4 & 5, 2024**

“Be joyful always: pray continually: give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

***Hospitalized this week:***

**SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:**

***Health Concerns:***

- Healing for Marie following surgery.
- For those undergoing treatments for cancer and other health issues.

***Guidance:***

***Spiritual Healing/Strength:***

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:***

- For those who help during and after the storms of life.

***Deaths:***

- For the family of Mary Sorensen.

***Other Prayers:***

- All prayers placed in the Prayer Bowl.



Take a prayer rock; say a prayer. Place the prayer (rock) in the Prayer Bowl. Each week prayers in the Prayer Bowl are lifted to the Lord.

*...but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer. Psalm 66:19*

## Worship Assistants

**This Weekend 5/4 & 5)**

**Organist/Pianist:** Connie Webber

**5:30pm**

**Greeters-**Jean Blomenkamp

**LWA & CA-**Tyler Frevert

**Acolyte-**Tyler Daniels

**Projection-**Margaret Hansen

**Sound-**Dave Baier

**Ushers-**Cheryl Roberts, John Magnuson

**Altar Guild-**Joan Baier, Melia Hefti

**10am**

**Greeters-**Betty Heier

**LWA-**Saralou Danielson

**CA-**Roger & Lynette Lentz

**Acolyte-**Hadley Dunklau

**Projection-**Kenna Blecke

**Sound-**Amber Labenz

**Video-**Tom Hansen

**Ushers-**Dave Anderson, Dave Olson, Brad Wieland

**Altar Guild-**Trisha Peters, Martina Swanson

**Next Weekend (5/11 & 12)**

**Organist/Pianist:** Shelly Armstrong

**5:30pm**

**Greeters-**Paula Gemelke

**LWA & CA-**Nancy Breikreutz

**Acolyte-**

**Projection-**Melissa Rabbass

**Sound-**Duane Blomenkamp

**Ushers-**Dorothy Wert, Marsha Roth

**Altar Guild-**Sharon Flear, Paula Gemelke

**10am**

**Greeters-**Virginia Backstrom

**LWA-**Norah Armstrong

**CA-**Ron & Karma Magnuson

**Acolyte-**Sophia Petersen

**Projection-**Leslie/Tyler Johnson

**Sound-**Sawyer Brudigam

**Video-**Leslie/Tyler Johnson

**Ushers-**Steve McLagan, Ron Carnes, Alex Phelps

**Altar Guild-**Virginia Backstrom, Debbie Bargholz

## Our Savior Lutheran Church

*A congregation of the  
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(ELCA)



*We are the church that shares a living, daring  
confidence in God's grace.—The Evangelical  
Lutheran Church in America.*

# Our Savior Lutheran Church

**The Mission of Our Savior:**

*That all may know Christ,*

*grow in Christ,*

*and joyfully go with Christ*



## *Welcome*

**May 4 & 5, 2024**

***Sixth Sunday of Easter***

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### **Ministers:**

The People of Our Savior

### **Pastor:**

Rev. Chad Rademacher

### **Program Staff:**

Connie Webber

*Director of Music*

Bridget Vaith

*Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry*

Virginia Kniesche

*Coordinator of Children's Ministry*

## Order of Worship

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Gathering Song: ELW 836**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**Greeting**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Hymn of Contemplation: ELW 629**

**Children's Time (Sun)**

**First Reading:** pg. 1003

Acts 10:44-48

**Psalm:** pg. 540

Psalm 98

**Second Reading:** pg. 1112

1 John 5:1-6

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Gospel:** pg. 983

John 15:9-17

**Message**

**Hymn of the Day:** *A New Commandment*

**Blessing of Graduates (Sun)**

**Creed**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Sharing the Peace**

**Offering**

**Offering Song & Prayer**

**Great Thanksgiving, Preface &  
Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Blessing & Prayer after Communion**

**Parting Blessing**

**Sending Song: ELW 631**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

*End of Worship. Beginning of Service.*