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MONTHLY Newsletter

A PUBLICATION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Mission of Our Savior:
That all may know Christ,
grow in Christ
and joyfully go with Christ.*

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FROM OUR PASTOR...

Grace to you and peace from our Creator God and Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

“Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.” Ephesians 3:17

I want to express my deep gratitude to Doug and Mary Mohl, Kathy Becker, and Amber Labenz for their commitment and representation of Our Savior Lutheran Church at this year’s Nebraska Synod. The Nebraska Synod Assembly, held in Kearney, Nebraska, from June 1 to 2, 2024, was a significant event. The assembly theme, “Cultivating Love,” marked the beginning of a year-long theme emphasis for the entire synod; a testament to our shared values and mission.



At the assembly, we were privileged to hear from writer and pastor Rev. Jeff Chu, our ELCA Churchwide Organization representative, Rev. Sara Cutter, and the report of the Bishop from Bishop Scott Johnson. Led in worship by the musical leadership of Dr. John Weit from the ELCA Churchwide Organization, we all participated in several workshop



opportunities, worship, and the important business of the synod. It was a collective experience that strengthened our bonds and deepened our understanding of our faith.

So, what is cultivation? In terms of farming, cultivation involves preparing for growth and tending as plants begin to grow.

I loved this image of cultivation; the land is constantly being worked and reworked to produce a crop. If you have a fertile field, you have to tend to that field over and over. Herbicides,

pesticides, and fertilizers are just a few additives to help keep that field fertile. If you are a dryland farmer, you are at the mercy of Mother Nature to provide life-giving rain at the right time. Farming is not for the faint of heart; there are a lot of variables that are out of our control. Not enough rain, too much rain, commodity prices, cost of repairs, etc., the list can get pretty lengthy.

The parable of the sower was one of the stories I wanted to share. “The sower goes out, and as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had little soil, and immediately they sprang up since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain.” (Matthew 13:1)



How many of us were brought up to believe that if we weren’t producing good fruit, we weren’t being Christians? I have always struggled with this question. What is good fruit? Just because the banana is green today doesn’t mean it won’t be ready in a couple of days. Conversely, if the banana goes brown, it doesn’t mean it cannot be used to make something delicious.

Reflect on this for a moment. God is THE creator of everything in this universe, so why would God let anything go

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to waste? The bird eats the seed and finds nourishment. Equally, that same bird will digest that seed and dispose of it somewhere else; who are we to say it doesn't end up in good soil somewhere else?

What about the seed that falls within the thorns? Yes, that seed will grow and die, but within its cycle of life and death, it will decompose and begin regenerating topsoil. This theme repeats itself in our own lives: living, dying, and regeneration. We are Easter people, after all; this is what Martin Luther meant when we said we must go through Good Friday to arise on Easter Morning.

God comes to provide us with all the nutrients so we remain good soil. Just like the farmer, we need to tend to our fields. The fertilizer, herbicides, and pesticides differ slightly in our faith life. I would say spending time in scripture, attending worship regularly, volunteering for service projects, answering calls when our neighbors have needs, and learning to trust that God is providing everything.

Every field requires care and attention, just like our faith life. The novice farmer doesn't have the same experience(s) as the veteran farmer, but that doesn't mean their capabilities are substandard; they only lack time. They will gain experience as they work in their fields, tend to the issues when they arise, and seek advice and counsel from those with knowledge.

Nothing goes to waste; God will use everything you have to grow the harvest of believers. Jesus never said our faith life would be easy, but Jesus said, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom God has sent" (John 6:29). "Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Cor. 15:58)

Let us cultivate love in our fields of faith, trusting our savior has plowed a path in front of us. Let us continue to join the pioneers of our faith, spreading the seeds of faith, hope, and love while praying for good nourishment to help those seeds grow and flourish. When the day comes, let us participate in the harvest by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Let my heart be good soil, Lord.
Pastor Chad



MUSIC FOR JULY

- July 6 & 7 Connie Webber, organist
- July 13 & 14 Connie Webber, organist
Tim Boeckenhauer, Leslie Johnson
father/daughter duet
- July 20 & 21 Alan Bruflat, guitarist
- July 27 & 28 Connie Webber, organist



THANK YOU'S...

Wayne Food Pantry—Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$174.16 dated May 30, 2024, to the Wayne Food Pantry. Your donations help to enable us to provide nutrition to individuals and families in need in Wayne County, Nebraska.

Jenny Hammer,
Wayne Food Pantry Coordinator

Bill Koeber—Thank you to Pastor Chad, Phyllis Rahn, Pat Carnes and the Caring Cook's during my recent surgery. And to the congregation for your cards, prayers, and kindness in so many ways. Your thought and prayers mean so much to me!

Kate Hill—I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the scholarship you've generously awarded me. Your support means the world to me, and it's truly a game changer in my academic journey. I am immensely grateful for your belief in my potential. Thank you! GO CATS!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, June 9, we welcomed new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

- Chad & Tiffany Henderson; Gage Barrone*
- LeeAnn Westerhaus*
- Brent & Dana Engel*
- Steve, Amy & Molly White*



The Engels and the Whites were unable to attend on June 9; we look forward to recognizing them during worship soon!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! SIGN UP NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!



Looking for oceans of fun? **VBS 2024**

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with a twist

Register @ tinyurl.com/rzjkat9j

Location: **Our Savior Lutheran Church**

Dates: **Mon., July 15 - Thurs., July 18, 5:30-7:30pm**
*a light meal will be provided.

Includes children: **PreK-5th Grade (ages 4-11)**



DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

The July, August, September issue of the *Christ In Our Home* devotional books are at the information desk. Both regular and large-print are available.

DAILY PRAYER VENTURES

Each month the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America publishes **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.

The **daily prayer ventures** can be found online at: <https://www.elca.org/Resources/Prayer-Ventures> **Printed copies of the monthly Prayer Ventures guide are also available on the table at the back of the church.**

IRIS PRAYER CHAIN

Our Savior's Prayer Chain is shared via our IRIS (Immediate Response Information System)...with each participant being notified of a prayer request by receiving a phone call, email or text. If you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain, please let the office know (402.375.2899 or kris@oslcwayne.org).

YOU'RE INVITED TO A



Charity Circle will host an **All-Church Picnic** on **Wednesday, July 31, at 6pm at Bressler Park** (we'll gather in the church social room if it's too hot to be outside). Broasted chicken, potatoes and water will be provided; please bring either a vegetable, salad or dessert to share and your own table service.

*Please sign up at the information desk in order to get count for food. **All are welcome! Bring a Friend!***



WSC LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY EVENT

Our Savior and Lutheran Campus Ministry at Wayne State College are cooperating in a "back-to-school" event in August that could use your help! **On Wednesday, August 21, we are inviting new WSC freshmen students, returning students, and Our Savior youth to gather on the lawn by the Front Porch from 6-7pm for burgers and brats (with all the fixings!)** We also hope to collect lots of donated small potted plants/succulents to give to the WSC students.

We have an important meeting scheduled following worship on Sunday, July 14 from 11:30-12:00 to discuss what is needed to make all of this happen; all are welcome to join us to hear our plans. So please plan on joining us for this informative meeting when we will deal with all of your questions. The coordinators for this event are Pastor Jim Holthus (WSC campus pastor), Ron Carnes and Tom Hansen. Pastor Jim's phone # is 218-760-2028 and email is lootr@hotmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE!

Pink Flamingo Nite will be held Thursday, October 17.

You won't want to miss this year's speaker, Juli Burney, Motivational Humorist!

A little about Julie—"Multiple award winning teacher, humorist and author, Juli makes an amazing connection with her audiences. ... Her humor is insightful, delightful, universal and enlightening which ever topic she presents." (julieturney.com)

We are so excited for the opportunity to have Juli present at Pink Flamingo Nite and look forward to seeing you there!

CIRCLE & MINISTRY GROUP MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

- Tuesday, July 2, 10am

JOY CIRCLE

- Wednesday, July 10, 2pm
Program: Gather at Kinship
Leader/Hostess: Executive Board



CHARITY CIRCLE

- All-Church Picnic—July 31, 6pm @ Bressler Park
Leader: Lynette Lentz, Dorothy Wert

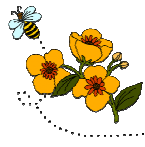
VISITATION MINISTRY GROUP

- Wednesday, July 17, 1pm

QUILT MINISTRY GROUP

- Monday, July 22, 9am

All women of the congregation are always welcome and invited to participate.



GREETINGS!

Ladies, have you noticed the planter and sign on the northwest corner of the church lot? Doesn't it look nice with the beautiful flowers and the up-dated sign? Please give a "Thank You" to Sue Olson and Larry Lueders for their hard work, when you see them.

The Our Savior Women of the ELCA Executive Board met on Tuesday, June 4 in the Narthex. Karma gave the devotion, "Introverts and Extroverts", based on 1st Corinthians, verse 12.

Margaret told us that there were four ladies at Visitation last month and that 15 people had signed the cards. She said the new cards were in the office and anyone wanting to sign them before the next meeting could come into the office and do so. You are always welcome to join the group, on the 3rd Wednesday at 1pm to sign cards.

The Quilting group met on the morning of May 20, with Marilyn and tied two quilts. It is an enjoyable morning of

fellowship and working together. Come try it!

Pat reported that Caring Cooks served five meals to Our Savior members last month.

Are you ready to attend a Saved To Serve Opportunity?

Come learn about Lutheran Family Services who purchased the former Dana College Campus and the Angel Share program assisting young adults exiting out of the Foster Care System, the weekend of August 2–4 at First Lutheran Church in Blair. We have been asked to help set up the Dana Village Pantry.

Tangible items being sought are bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, hygiene products, toilet paper, laundry items and full/queen quilts. There is a box in the Narthex for you to place these items.

Now in its 26th year, Saved To Serve Opportunities are serving retreat weekends which are unique to the Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization. They are events designed to help participants put their faith into action by assisting serving arms of the church. Other goals include to learn about the partnering organization, to build relationships, to promote spiritual growth, to develop leadership abilities and to have fun. Activities are planned to allow participation by women with varying interests and abilities.

We will be preparing some healthy snacks/meals for (with) the youth and providing recipes/resources. Providing quilts is a goal, sewing squares, binding, and tying quilts and assembling personal care bags for the youth is on the agenda. Get acquainted activities, devotions, Dutch Treat dinner out, and an evening entertainment will also be part of the weekend's activities. We will stay in a motel and be working at First Lutheran Church and the Dana Village. This is a great opportunity to meet, work and have fun with other Christian ladies.

Registration forms are available in the church office. The registration fee for this event remains at \$39.00. Registration deadline is July 19.

Charity Circle is again sponsoring the "All Church Picnic". However, the date has been changed from August because of conflicts with other events and school starting so early. The new date is Wednesday, July 31, at 6pm at Bressler Park. If the weather is not cooperating, it will be held in the church social room. Chicken, potatoes and water will be provided. We ask that those attending bring their own table service and provide a salad, veggie or dessert. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex so that we know how much chicken to order. Please put this date on your July calendar and sign up. We look forward to seeing your family there!

Enjoy this lovely weather and thank God for it and all of your blessings!

Dorothy Wert,
WELCA President





PASTORAL ACTS

- † A Graveside service was held Monday, June 10, for **Bernita Suber**. Bernita died Wednesday, June 5, 2024.
- † **Riley Prokop** and **Karlee Woehler** were united in marriage on Saturday, June 8, 2024.



WITH SYMPATHY

- ◆ Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Bill Kugler**. Bill passed away October 30, 2023. A memorial service will be held Monday, July 8, at 11am; visitation will be held for an hour prior to the service.

IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in prayer those who were hospitalized in the last month: Vicki Damme, Harold Fleer, Bill Koeber.

“YOU VISITED ME...”

The Visitation Ministry Group meets to sign and send cards to church members and to share a visit with friends. Please come and be a part of our Visitation Ministry Group. The group will meet on **Wednesday, July 17, at 1pm**.

For more information about this wonderful ministry, please contact Rhonda Blecke, Sandra Lutt or the church office.

QUILT MINISTRY GROUP

Our Savior’s Quilt Ministry Group welcomes anyone who would like to help “tie” quilts. You don’t need to know how to sew or quilt; simply “tie” a knot!

Consider joining the Quilt Ministry Group as they tie quilts to be given to Lutheran World Relief and other organizations that need them. The group will meet on **Monday, July 22, at 9am**. Everyone is welcome!



WORSHIP SERVICES— at Wayne Countryview & Kinship

Worship with Communion is offered on the first Tuesday of the month—**July 2**. (We thank Pr. Priscilla Hukki who will be filling in for Pr. Chad.)

- Wayne Countryview at 2pm
- Kinship at 3:30pm.

Worship is also offered the third Tuesday of the month at Kinship at 3:30pm.

- **Tuesday, July 16**

WACAM Worship Services

- **July 15-19**—Radio Devotions
- **July 17**—Devotions at Kinship
- **July 21**—Worship at Countryview, 1:30pm



KINSHIP BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study at Kinship meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, at 3:30pm. This study led by Sharon Garvin also uses Lectionary Bible readings and a resource from the ELCA entitled, *Daily Discipleship*. Join them on **Thursdays, July 11 & 25**. Everyone is welcome.



SLEEPING MAT MINISTRY

Sleeping mats are made from plastic shopping bags. This is a great way to recycle all those plastic grocery bags! (A basket is available in the narthex to collect CLEAN bags.) There are several steps to preparing the bags before the mats can be crocheted...so **there are opportunities for all to participate!** Join us on **Monday, July 15, from 9–11am**. (No meeting on Thursday, July 4.)

Consider being a part of this wonderful ministry; both the VA in Omaha and Orphan Grain Train look forward to receiving the mats!

Thank you to Bob & Marilyn Carhart for delivering mats to Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk





- 1 Michael Kniesche, Chelsea Osborn
- 2 Chris Woehler
- 5 Justin Dean
- 6 Treyton Blecke, Peggy Hank, Nash Hansen, Vince Kniesche, Paige Milliken
- 7 LaRene Miller
- 9 Dorothy Nelson
- 10 David Lutt
- 12 Doug Brodersen, Becky Brudigam, Landon Woehler
- 15 Dustin Bargholz
- 16 Ruth Paulsen, Elisa Robinson
- 17 Anthony Hansen, Marty Marx
- 18 Ryan Magnuson
- 19 Matthew Armstrong, Taytum Hopkins, Steve Karel
- 20 Bonnie Baird, Cindy Beckman
- 21 Stuart Lubberstedt
- 22 Camilla Wendte
- 23 Tom Hagmann, Tiffany Henderson
- 24 Cindy Bargholz
- 25 Margaret Hansen, Dorothy Wert
- 26 Emma Kniesche
- 28 Barb Stenwall
- 29 Mia Bondhus, Dan Gustafson, Connie Roberts, Lila Splittgerber
- 30 Carli Canham, Tanya Gamble
- 31 Dawn Bargholz, Candace Petersen



- 1 Wes & Andrea Blecke (24)
- 5 Gerald & Mary Stalling (50)
- 14 Duane & Jean Blomenkamp (51)
- 21 Mitch & Penny Baier (40)
- 24 Matt & Dawn Nelson (14)
- 27 Jason & Cristy Jorgensen (22)
- 28 Mike & Rhonda Lutt (40)
- 30 Paul & Lori Dean (36)

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please accept our apology and let the church office know.



JOIN US IN THE PARADE!

Our Savior invites members and friends to join with us in the **CHICKEN DAYS** parade on Saturday, July 13! Our theme is "Blending Church and Community to Love Christ: AGED TO PERF-EGG-TION."

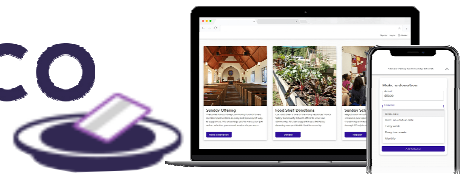
Children, Youth, and Adults—walk beside our float and help us boldly share God's love for all! (Meet on S 1st Street by 9:15am)



ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild workers for July: Joan Baier, Melia Hefti, Cheryl Henschke, Marsha Roth, Mary Hansen, Teri Koenig, Janet Sievers, Dorothy Wert, Sharon Flear, Paula Gemelke, Lynette Lentz, Cynthia Miller, Peggy Hank, Julie/Jim Hansen, Trisha Peters, Martina Swanson. Please check the worship assistant schedule for the date and time.

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GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

	As of June 15, 2024	Year-to-Date
Beginning balance, 5/15/2024	\$26,203.88	\$26,252.03
Add: Income	36,834.62	199,078.64
Less: Expenses	-32,792.52	-195,084.69
Ending balance, 6/15/2024	\$30,245.98	\$30,245.98

If you have any questions about this report or other church finance matters, please contact Tom Hansen (402-518-0640) or Paula Gemelke (402-369-2176).

COUNCIL CORNER—June 11, 2024 Meeting

- Council learned that the Outreach Committee is working on the float for the Chicken Days Parade on Saturday, July 13. The theme is Blending Church and Community: Aged to Perf-Egg-Tion. If you are interested in walking with the float please contact Kim Dunklau.
- Council was informed that the landscaping project on the east side of the parking lot is in need of more mulch.
- Council heard that the Nebraska Synod Assembly went very well. People are recognizing what is happening in our church and hearing the positive feedback is heartwarming. Keynote speaker Bishop Johnson talked about Cultivating Love: Be Curious, Be Honest, Be Brave, Be Kind.
- Council president, Jean Blomenkamp, will resign from her position early due to personal reasons. The Council will vote on her temporary replacement at their next meeting.

The next meeting of the Church Council will be **Monday, July 8, 2024.**

DOLLAR DOOR OFFERING—

The July Dollar Door Offering will go to support the WSC Food Pantry. Together our dollars can help them help students!

CALENDAR ITEMS

Reminder...please contact the church office regarding any meetings or gatherings scheduled; especially those held after office hours, so that they can be added to the master calendar. If no evening activities are listed, the church building is locked at approx. 5pm.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

For the Weekend Bulletin: by 11am each Thursday.

For the Monthly Newsletter: 20th of the month.



RESOURCES

- Wayne County Family Coalition (402-375-2200)
- Wayne Food Pantry & Backpack Program (402-375-2669 – fpcwayne.org/food-pantry) In order to use the Wayne Food Pantry, please call or email in advance if you need assistance. All inquiries are confidential.
- Wayne Food Truck – Saturday, July 27, at Journey Christian Church



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Weekly Worship Opportunities:

Saturday Evening: 5:30pm

Sunday Morning: 10am

(streamed live and posted to our Facebook page:
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Wayne NE (ELCA)
and broadcast live on AM 1590 and FM 98.9)

Sunday School: (N–5th)

Sundays—10am; Fall/Winter/Spring

Confirmation: (6th–8th)

Wednesdays—6pm; Fall/Winter/Spring

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Pastor

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Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.



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Giving Thanks For:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:45pm Executive Committee	2 10:00am Cluster Text Study 10:00am WELCA Executive Board  2:00pm Communion @ Wayne Countryview 3:30pm Communion @ Kinship Pointe	3	4  Office Closed	5	6 8:30pm Worship
7 9:00am Fellowship Hour 10:00am Worship	8 11:00am Bill Kugler Memorial Service 7:00pm Church Council	9 10:00am Cluster Text Study	10 2:00pm Joy Circle 8:00pm Christian Ed Meeting	11 3:30pm Bible Study @ Kinship	12 	13  8:30pm Worship
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