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

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MONTHLY Newsletter

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From Our Pastor...

God's Work Our Hands Sunday & Rally Day

This year, we're marking God's Work Our Hands Sunday by pairing it with Rally Day, the kickoff to our new program year, and carrying that same spirit into the evening with a fun community event at the Wayne Golf Course to benefit the Wayne Area Food Pantry, based at the Presbyterian church. One day, two ways of living out the same call.

Scripture has always framed this for us. In Matthew 22, Jesus is asked which commandment is the greatest, and he answers with two that can't be separated from each other: love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. "On these two commandments," he says, "hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:36-40). That's the whole shape of discipleship and Christian responsibility in two sentences. Love of God and love of neighbor aren't two different projects — they're one movement, flowing out of us in the same breath.

Flip forward a few chapters to Matthew 25, and Jesus gets specific about what that neighbor-love actually looks like in practice. "I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:34-40). And then the line that should stop us every time: "Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." That's not a suggestion. It's an instruction manual for how we care for the vulnerable — and a reminder that Christ meets us in exactly those encounters.

This is why God's Work Our Hands Sunday matters so much. It reminds us of the commissioning we've already been given: to care for God's people and God's creation, not just on a designated Sunday, but every day. It was never meant to be a once-a-year checkbox. It's the ongoing call of discipleship — the thing we're recommitting to every time we show up to teach, usher, cook, visit, or simply sit with someone in a hard season.

That's exactly what the evening is about. It's a fun night, a round of golf, a shared meal, fellowship — built around a simple purpose: raising support for the Wayne Area Food Pantry so our neighbors who are hungry are fed. It's Matthew 25 with clubs in hand instead of casseroles.

But it goes beyond the fun of the evening itself. Nights like this remind us that the needs in our community don't take a season off. When we listen to God's Spirit, and then listen to the needs of our neighbors, we start to notice what we might otherwise miss. That's how discernment works: we hear a need, and we begin asking how the Spirit might be leading us forward — not just for one evening, but into whatever comes next.

Come for Rally Day in the morning to kick off the program year and come back that evening to kick off God's Work Our Hands the same way Jesus described it — by feeding people who are hungry, and by staying open to where that need leads us. We say we are the body of Christ, and that calling doesn't sit still. So, as we mark God's Work Our Hands Sunday together, come ready to ask: what is God inviting me into this year? There's a place for every gift, because none of us was given every gift, and none of us was meant to carry this alone. God's work is still very much in our hands.

Prayerful Blessings,
Pastor Chad



Coming Up!

- Confirmation Kick-Off—Sept 9
- Sunday School Rally Day—Sept 13
- Broken Open Kick-Off—Sept 13
- Annual Golf Outing—Sept 13
- Pink Flamingo Nite—Oct 22

SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS!

Broken Open: It's Almost Here

Last month we started talking about what it means to be a steward — not a budget word, not a pledge-card word, but a question about what we do with everything that's been entrusted to us: our time, our talents, our treasure, and also our stories, our passions, our very selves. That question hasn't gone anywhere. If anything, it's gotten louder as September gets closer.

Broken Open kicks off on Kick-Off Weekend, Saturday, September 12, and Sunday, September 13. That's where we start naming, out loud and together, the ways God has been breaking each of us open — cracking us out of old patterns, old fears, old assumptions about what's ours and what was always God's to begin with.

From there, we keep walking together. On Sunday, October 18, we'll gather for a Blessing Brunch in the Social Room following worship — a chance to slow down, share a meal, and keep listening for what the Spirit is saying to us. Then on Saturday, November 14, and Sunday, November 15, we'll come to Celebration and Commitment Weekend, where we'll respond to everything God has shown us this fall and commit, together, to what comes next.

Between now and then, here's what I'm asking: keep praying. Keep paying attention to where your treasure already is, because that's where your heart is too (Matthew 6:21). And keep an eye on the bulletin, your inbox, and the pulpit.

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:19).

Something new really is springing forth at Our Savior.

With Gratitude,
Pastor Chad

GROWING IN GRACE:

Children, Youth, & Family Ministries at Our Savior

In this section we will be sharing what's happening in the life of our youngest disciples and their families. From Sunday School milestones to Confirmation, service projects, and family events, you'll find updates, stories, and opportunities to grow together in faith.

September is here, and with it comes backpacks, new routines, busy calendars, and a fresh start for our Children, Youth & Family Ministries at Our Savior! After a summer filled with VBS, service, and a little time to recharge, we are excited to welcome our kids and families back for another year of learning, growing, asking questions, and discovering where God is at work in their lives.

We'll kick things off with **Rally Day on Sunday, September 13 from 9:00–9:45 a.m.** Families are invited to join us as we reconnect, have a little fun, and register children for the year ahead. Our first regular Sunday School class will be **September 20**.

This year, Sunday School will be for children Pre-K through 4th grade, and we're excited to continue our What a Mess! theme from VBS. Throughout the year, we'll explore Bible stories that remind us that Scripture—and life—can be messy! But again and again, we discover that God meets people right in the middle of that mess with grace, forgiveness, hope, and love.

We're also making an exciting change for our 5th graders this year. Rather than continuing with traditional Sunday School, they'll be invited into a new Pre-Confirmation experience on Wednesday evenings. Fifth grade is such an important in-between year, and we want to give these students a space designed especially for them—a bridge between elementary Sunday School and the deeper questions, conversations, and relationships that come with Confirmation.

Our Confirmation ministry will also return in September as our youth gather on Wednesday evenings. We want Confirmation to be more than simply completing a class. It's a place where young people can ask real questions, wrestle with what they believe, build relationships, serve others, and begin making their faith their own.

As we begin another year together, we ask our entire congregation to keep our children, youth, families, teachers, and leaders in your prayers. Faith formation doesn't belong to just one classroom, one teacher, or one ministry—it belongs to all of us. Every time you learn a child's name, ask a teenager how they're doing, volunteer, encourage a parent, or simply make space for young people in our church, you are helping fulfill the promises we make together at baptism.

As we begin, may we carry these words with us:

"We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done."

— Psalm 78:4, NRSV

Here's to a new year of questions, connections, a little bit of mess, and plenty of opportunities to Grow in Grace together.

Music for September

Sept 5 & 6	Connie Webber, organist
Sept 12 & 13	Connie Webber, organist
Sept 19 & 20	Shelly Armstrong, pianist
Sept 26 & 27	Connie Webber, organist Joyful Noise (Sun)



Confirmation Begins

▶**Wed, September 9—*Confirmation Kick-Off / Meet & Greet / Information Meeting*** *for 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade students, parents and 8th grade mentors.*

- **5th Graders and Parents** will meet in the church Social Room at **6pm**
- **6th and 7th Graders and Parents** will meet in the church Social Room at **6:30pm** to discuss this year's confirmation program.
- **8th Graders, Parents, and Mentors** will meet in the church Social Room at **7pm** to discuss the Mentoring Program.

▶**Wed, September 16—*Confirmation Classes Begin***

- Classes for **5th, 6th and 7th graders** will begin with Unit 1 on **September 16, and meet through October 7. 6th & 7th graders will resume classes on October 28** with Unit 2.
- **8th grade confirmands and their mentors** will begin meeting on Wednesday evenings beginning **September 16**.



Sign Up Now… for the Annual Golf Outing

Mark your calendars and plan to join us at the Wayne Country Club on **Sunday, September 13, at 4pm** (registration begins at 3:30) for **OSLC's annual golf outing!** Format is **Scramble–**4 person teams (come as a team or one will be made for you). **A meal will follow** at approximately **6:30pm**. Cost is $15 for individuals or $25 for couples; includes 9-hole greens fee, cart rental, prizes and meal.

Please consider bringing a canned/boxed food or monetary donation; all items collected will be given to the Wayne Food Pantry!



Contact Darrell Miller at darrellmiller1218@gmail.com or 402.369.2015 (call or text) or by Wednesday, September 9 to pre-register and/or set up teams.

Be Invitational—Bring Friends—All are Welcome!

School & Personal Care Kit Drive!

Our Savior's **Charity Circle will be assembling Personal Care and Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief in October,** in time to ship them out the first week of November — and has challenged the whole congregation to help us!

A donation center is in the narthex, and we're tracking items received. Items included in the kits are:

- 70-sheet spiral notebooks
- 30cm rulers
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt/safety scissors
- Unsharpened #2 pencils
- Black or blue ballpoint pens
- Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2.5" erasers
- Light-weight bath-size towels
- Bath-size bar soap
- Adult toothbrushes
- Sturdy combs
- Nail clippers



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

For more information about LWR Kits go to: www.https://lwr.org/kits



Thank You's…

Wayne Food Pantry—Thank you so much for your generous donation of $200 dated July 27, 2026, to the Wayne Food Pantry. Your donation helps to enable us to provide nutrition to individuals and families in need in Wayne County, Nebraska.

Lisa Bathke,
Wayne Food Pantry Coordinator

Norah Armstrong—Thank you so much for allowing me to have my summer lessons in the multipurpose room! I was blessed to have so many students and a great space to teach them. I appreciate all of your support through the years!

Mary Stalling—Thank you so much to everyone that stayed, or came back, for my reception on the 16th. Thanks for all the cards, gifts, prayers, calls, texts and hugs. Each and everyone is much appreciated.

Thank you received for donation made—

- **Haven House:** $303

Women of the ELCA

CIRCLE & MINISTRY GROUP MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

- Wednesday, September 2, 10am

JOY CIRCLE



- Wednesday, September 9, 2pm
  Program: Greeting Card Assembly
  Leader/Hostess: Dorothy Wert

CHARITY CIRCLE

- Wednesday, September 16, 7pm
  Program: Organizational Meeting, Thanksgiving Cards
  Leader: Dorothy Wert, Kris Robinson

VISITATION MINISTRY GROUP

- Wednesday, September 16, 1pm

QUILT MINISTRY GROUP

- Mondays, September 14 & 28, 9am





Saved to Serve
Tangible Offering



GREETINGS!

Dear, Ladies!

We have had such nice rains and I thank the Lord for them! The nice sunshine and cooler temperatures have been a bonus, too. Seems way too soon for the kids to be back in school though.

First thing I want to say, is "THANK YOU" for the Tangible items you brought for the "Saved to Serve" event, at Midland University. Also, thanks to Adel for taking on a new adventure and representing us. I am hoping to report on her experience there, next month.

We are in the process of lining up programs for our 2027 Circles. If there is something of interest you would like to hear about, please let me or one of the other Executive Board members know.

"God Doesn't Make Junk" is the theme for the Autumn Renewal on Saturday, October 10, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Grand Island, from 9:30am to 3pm. The Bible Verse is "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made" Psalm 139:14. There is a registration form on the WELCA section of the kiosk in the narthex. The presentation of Riding the Orphan Train sounds very interesting for $20 and there is always good food. Won't you consider going?

Don't forget to bring items for the Lutheran World Relief School Kits and Personal Care Kits, which will be put together on Wednesday, October 14, at 7pm. We are well on our way to meeting the challenge of 100 school kits and 50 personal care kits! They will be blessed on the weekend of October 17 & 18 with the LWR quilts.

The Pink Flamingo Nite will be held on Thursday, October 22, so please put that on your calendar, too. It is always a fun event.

Keep smiling and love your neighbor, as yourself!

Dorothy Wert
WELCA President



ALTAR GUILD



Altar Guild workers for September: Melia Hefti, Janet Sievers, Myrna Wacker-Tuttle, Debbie Bargholz, Rhonda Blecke, Dorothy Wert, Karen Zach, Madge Bruflat, Julie Grone, Paula Gemelke, Peggy Hank, Mary Hansen, Teri Koenig, Julie/Jim Hansen, Janet Sievers, Lynette Lentz, Cynthia Miller.

Bread Bakers for September: Cynthia Puntney, Nancy Reinhardt, Dorothy Wert, Mary Woehler

Please check the worship assistant schedule for the date.

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 **Mondays, September 14 & 28, at 9am.** Everyone is welcome!



Pastoral Acts

- A funeral service was held Saturday, August 15, for ***Alan Bruflat.*** Alan died Monday, August 10, 2026.
- A funeral service was held Friday, August 21, for ***Lucille Holcomb.*** Lucille died Saturday, August 15, 2026.
- ***Kyler Eric Wacker***, son of Zach & Katie Wacker, was baptized on Saturday, August 22, 2026. Kyler was born June 7, 2026. His sponsors are Luke & Sara Stoltenberg.
- ***Dayne Adam Castello***, son of Dylan & Bailey Castello, was baptized on Sunday, August 23, 2026. Dayne was born March 20, 2026. His sponsors are Natalie Bentjen and Dominic Castello.
- A graveside service was held Monday, August 24, for ***Sharon Junck.*** Sharon died Monday, August 17, 2026.
- A Celebration of Life reception was held Friday, August 28, for ***Ronnie Karel.*** Ronnie died Sunday, August 23, 2026.

Worship Services—
at Wayne Countryview & Kinship

Worship with Communion is offered on the first Tuesday of the month—**Tuesday, September 1.**

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



WACAM Worship Services

- **September 14-18**—Radio Devotions
- **September 30**—Worship at Kinship, 3:30pm
- **October 1**—Word in Faith Column

In Our Prayers

We remember in prayer those who were hospitalized in the last month: Elaine Lueders, Doris Daniels, Vickie Damme, Rodney Bauermeister.

"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, September 16, 2026.**

If you know of someone that would appreciate a visit or call, or for more information about this wonderful ministry, please contact Sandy Lutt at 402.369.0937 or Rhonda Blecke at 402.833.1313.

Book Study Group Resumes in September

Our Thursday morning book study group will resume the Thursday after Labor Day, **September 10, at 10am**. We will be reading a book by one of our favorite authors, Joyce Rupp, entitled The Years of Ripening, Reflections on Aging in the Later Years.

We would love to grow our group! Please join us! For more information or to get a book ordered contact Mary Mohl (402-841-1009).

OWL's Bible Study

The OWL's Bible Study is studying the book of Acts, using the *Together in Faith Series* from Augsburg Fortress. Consider joining our group and learn along with the rest of us! We encourage adults of any age to participate.

This study led by Mary Mohl meets on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 10am** in the multi-purpose room. **Join them on Wednesdays, September 2 & 16.** Everyone is welcome.

Kinship Bible Study

Bible Study at Kinship meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, at 3:30pm. This study led by Sharon Garvin uses Lectionary Bible readings and a resource from the ELCA entitled, *Daily Discipleship*. Join them on **Thursdays, September 10 & 24.** 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 **Thursday, September 3, and Monday, September 21, from 9–11am.**

Women Who Love to Talk & Eat

This group of women has been meeting faithfully for twenty-six years! Join them on the first Thursday of the month for supper and good conversation! The group is now meeting at Runza! **Join them this month on Thursday, September 3, at 6pm.**



1 Lavonne Smith, Karen Zach
2 Keaton Harpham
3 Alvin Anderson, Kevin Koenig
4 Stephanie Henderson.
6 Barb Heier
7 Dave Sievers
8 Madge Bruflat
9 Landon Gill, Kaiser Woehler
10 Kathy Burke, Pat Carnes, Barbara Lutt
11 Ryan Dunklau, Leroy Gathje, Brady Virgil
12 Jean Blomenkamp
13 Brynlee Sokol
14 Craigen Labenz
15 Jon Haase, Ron Krusemark
17 Brandon Wacker
18 Danielle Olberding
19 Tracy Daniels, Evan Hansen, Brody Wacker
20 Lucas Olberding
21 Tate Hopkins, Carol McGuire, Tammy Meier
24 Dave Baier, Tyler Frevert
26 Patty Wieland
28 Jaci Brunssen, Mason Wendte
30 Annie Kniesche



& ANNIVERSARIES

2 Keaton & Jewell Harpham (3)
Dave & Sue Olson (54)
3 Tate & Michele Nelson (21)
4 James & Barbara Lutt (50)
7 Chad & Amber Labenz (24)
9 Josh & Stephanie Hays (9)
10 Dave & LeeAnn Westerhaus (34)
13 Aaron & Tracy Daniels (18)
Gene & Karen Hansen (57)
18 Mike Nissen & Kathy Mohlfeld (27)
20 Harold & Sharon Fleer (67)
Mark Hill & Karen Longe (23)
23 Eric & Katie Frye (21)
24 Kevin & Teri Koenig (32)
Daryl & Amy Mundil (10)
Alex & Jessica Wieland (15)
26 Cole & Katriona Koenig (6)
Lee & Sarah Larson (11)
28 Cody & Leslie Calhoun (7)
30 Jeff & Jessie Piper (26)

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

Save the Date: OWL's Appreciation Lunch



Mark your calendars and plan to attend the **OWLS's Appreciation Meal** (Celebrating Our Savior Members 70+) which will be held on **Sunday, October 11 at 11:15am** in the Our Savior Social Room; **entertainment will be provided by Paradox** following the meal.

Dollar Door Offering —Pink Flamingo Nite

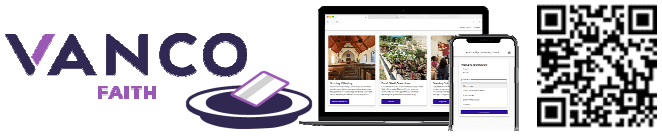
Each month our Dollar Door Offering (offering plate in center of the Narthex) goes to support the efforts of a different ministry. The **September Dollar Door Offering** will go towards funds raised at **Pink Flamingo Nite.** ***This year's funds will go towards the purchase of a new mammography machine!***

2026 Radio Broadcasts



Consider sponsoring a radio broadcast in 2026. We continue to offer the option of having a co-sponsor for the weekend broadcast. If you would prefer to be the only sponsor for the weekend; the cost is $75. If you would like to share the broadcast with another sponsor; the cost would be $40 for each sponsor. Please contact the church office (kris@oslcwayne.org or 402-375-2899) for more information or to reserve a date. **Note: The remaining available dates for 2026 are September 13, October 18 and November 8 & 22.**

Continued thanks to all who support this ministry of the church!



You can give electronically to OSLC—just download the Vanco Mobile app OR **go to our website at https://oslcwayne.org/give/**

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

	As of August 15, 2026	Year-to-Date
Beginning balance, 7/15/2026	$16,346.63	$50,047.26
Add: Income	18,269.59	259,088.43
Less: Expenses	-43,281.24	-317,800.71
Ending balance, 8/15/2026	-$8,665.02	-$8,665.02

If you have any questions about this report or other church finance matters, please contact Larry Lueders (402-369-1185).

PRAYER Time

O Day Full of Grace, ELW 627

–Devotion is from Luther Seminary God Pause; Jan 9, 2011

1 O day full of grace that now we see
Appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be
Replete in his joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
Your name on our hearts emblazon.

2 O day full of grace,
O blessed time,
Our Lord on the earth arriving;
Then came to the world that light sublime,
Great joy for us all retrieving;
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,
All darkness and shame removing.

3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,
When he on the cross was hanging;
And then he arose and moved the stone,
That we, unto him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise
Our voices in endless singing.

4 God came to us then at Pentecost,
His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from him be lost,
All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface
And bring to us all his healing.

5 When we on that final journey go
That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place,
With angels his name adoring.

DEVOTION

"O Day Full of Grace..." what sort of day is that?
Is it a Sunday, after worship, eating and laughing with those you love?
Is it 5 o'clock on a Friday when your boss apologizes and then says they have to cut back?
Is it a day when your oldest goes off to college, or Afghanistan?
Is it a day when you meet the man or woman of your dreams?

Is "O Day Full of Grace" a day when bad news keeps you up all night?
Is it a day after the night you spent in a hospital waiting room, pacing?
Is it a day when you read the stack of retirement cards; laughing and weeping?

Is your "day full of grace" the day you have been arrested for DWI?
Is it a day when you realize that you love your life and feel totally blessed?
Or that you despise your life and are filled with self-pity?
Is it a day that you find joy in doing the simplest things, or doing nothing at all?

Yes.

Let us pray:

God in heaven, your grace is overwhelming.
It is all around me, ever-present and all encompassing, and I know that I am blessed.
Thank you for your amazing grace.
Amen.

Mark Your Calendars…and Plan to Join Us!



Our Featured Speaker!

This year's featured speaker is Jenna Schutt. Jenna is an author, speaker, former cardiac RN, and two-time survivor of a rare, aggressive bone marrow disease whose life and message have been shaped by both sides of healthcare—the nurse caring for patients and the patient fighting for her own life.

After years of treatment, IV chemotherapy, and ultimately a stem cell transplant, Jenna now uses her story to encourage women facing fear, uncertainty, and seasons they never expected to walk through. Through her signature message, **The Joy Reflex™**, she shares practical, faith-filled ways to train our minds to respond with hope, peace, and courage when life feels overwhelming.

Jenna is also a wife, homeschool mom of two, and passionate advocate for helping women remember that a diagnosis may change their story, but it does not get to define who they are.

Learn more about Jenna at jennaschutt.com



Silent Auction Gift Baskets

Our annual Pink Flamingo Nite raffle will once again feature a beautiful **vintage quilt and crocheted afghan**—and this year, we're also bringing back **Silent Auction Gift Baskets!**

We are looking for donations to help fill our baskets. You can donate **one item, several items, a gift card, or an entire basket**. Individuals, families, businesses, and groups are all welcome to participate!

If you would like to donate, please contact **Kim Dunklau (402-369-1696)** or the church office to make arrangements for delivery or drop-off. Here are a few basket ideas to get you started:

- **Kids' Fun Basket:** sidewalk chalk, bubbles, crayons, markers, coloring books, games, DQ gift card, pizza gift card, movie theater gift card, candy, snacks…
- **Movie Night Basket:** movie theater gift card, popcorn, candy, blanket, socks, fun popcorn bowls/container…
- **Wayne Night Out Basket:** restaurant gift card, movie theater gift card, bowling alley gift card, bottle of wine, wine glasses, flower gift card, massage gift card...
- **Gift Card Gift Basket:** a variety of gift cards from local restaurants, shops and businesses
- **Or create your own!** Have another fun basket idea? **Go for it!** The possibilities are endless!

Baskets can be donated individually or created as a group—**invite friends, family, co-workers, or your favorite group to work together!** We suggest keeping the **suggested value of each basket between $30–$50**.

Thank you for helping make Pink Flamingo Nite a fun and successful evening—and for supporting this important cause!

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00am Cluster Text Study  2:00pm Communion @ Wayne Countryview 3:30pm Communion @ Kinship Pointe	2 10:00am OWL's Bible Study 10:00am WELCA Executive Board 6:00pm Joyful Noise	3 9:00am Sleeping Mat Ministry  6:00pm Women Who Love to Talk-and Eat (at Runza)	4 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	5  3:00pm Sanchez/Kniesche Wedding **5:30pm Worship**
6 9:00am Fellowship Hour **10:00am Worship**	7  **Office Closed**	8 10:00am Cluster Text Study	9 10:30am WACAM 2:00pm Joy Circle 5:00pm Pink Flamingo Nite Planning Mtg 6:00pm Joyful Noise  6:00pm Confirmation Kick-Off (5th) 6:30pm Confirmation Kick-Off (6th-7th) 7:00pm Confirmation Kick-Off (8th & mentors)	10 10am Book Study Group 3:30pm Bible Study at Kinship	11	12 **5:30pm Worship**
13  9:00am Coffee with Council 9:00am Rally Day-SS Registration **10:00am Worship**  4:00pm Annual Golf Outing	14  9:00am Quilt Ministry Group 10:30am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Property Mtg 6:00pm Christian Ed Mtg 6:30pm Fellowship Team Mtg 7:00pm Church Council	15 10:00am Cluster Text Study	16 10:00am OWL's Bible Study  1:00pm Visitation Ministry Group 6:00pm Joyful Noise 6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Charity Circle	17	18	19 **5:30pm Worship**
20 9:00am Fellowship Hour 9:00am Sunday School **10:00am Worship** 11:15am Stewardship Team Mtg	21  9:00am Sleeping Mat Ministry 10:30am Staff Meeting	22  10:00am Cluster Text Study	23 6:00pm Joyful Noise 6:00pm Confirmation	24 3:30pm Bible Study at Kinship	25	26  9:30am Wayne Food Truck @ Journey Christian Church **5:30pm Worship**
27 9:00am Fellowship Hour 9:00am Sunday School **10:00am Worship** 1:30pm Vitality Initiative	28  9:00am Quilt Ministry Group 10:30am Staff Meeting	29 10:00am Cluster Text Study	30 3:30pm Devotions @ Kinship 6:00pm Joyful Noise 6:00pm Confirmation			

COUNCIL CORNER

—Monday, August 10, 2026 Meeting

- Two new programs will begin in September: *The Vitality Initiative* through the Nebraska Synod and our stewardship campaign *Broken Open*. Stay tuned for more information.
- Sunday School Rally Day will be Sunday, September 13, with Sunday School beginning on Sunday, September 20, for pre-K through 4th grade. The theme for this year will be *What a Mess!*
- Fifth graders will attend Pre-Confirmation classes on Wednesday evenings.
- Thank you to Alex Weiland and Trisha Peters for joining our confirmation teaching staff and Michaela Lammers for teaching Sunday School.
- Our new high school youth coordinator is Addysen Wyant. Addysen worked with Bridget last year so many of our youth already know her.
- The Front Porch will open in late September or October on Friday nights for junior high youth.

The next meeting of the Church Council will be **Monday, September 14, at 7pm.**

You're Invited... to Coffee with Council



Coffee with Council is an opportunity to meet with members of the church council for coffee, refreshments and discussion. Join them prior to worship, **9am, Sunday morning, September 13,** in the church narthex.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Reminder: please let the church office know…

…about <u>ALL meetings or gatherings scheduled</u> at the church **during daytime hours** and **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.*



RESOURCES

- Wayne County Family Coalition (402-375-2200)
- Wayne Food Pantry & Backpack Program (402-375-2669 – fpcwayne.org/food-pantry) Please call or email in advance if you need assistance. All inquiries are confidential.
- Wayne Food Truck – Saturday, September 26, 2026.

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Saturday Evening: 5:30pm
Sunday Morning: 10am
(streamed live and posted to our Facebook page: Our Savior <u>Lutheran Church, Wayne NE (ELCA)</u> and broadcast live on AM 1590 and FM 98.9)

Sunday School: (N–4th)
Sundays—9am; Fall/Winter/Spring

Confirmation: (5th–8th)
Wednesdays—6pm; Fall/Winter/Spring

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I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty and of thy wondrous works.

Psalm 145:5

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