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...

Vitality Initiative
FOR CONGREGATIONS
Nebraska Synod ELCA

What Is the Vitality Initiative, and Why Are We Part of It?

You may have heard that Our Savior is taking part in the Vitality Initiative for Congregations, a program of the Nebraska Synod. I want to explain what it is, what we're doing, and why it matters for us.

What is it?

The Vitality Initiative is a program where congregations across the Synod learn and grow together. We're part of a small group of churches, called a cohort, that meets to share ideas, questions, and "aha" moments along the way. We do this together because we're better together.

The word "vitality" means the energy to live, grow, and keep going. It isn't about saving a church or propping up an institution. It's about the life God has already put in us, and how that life can grow.

Who's involved?

Our Vitality team is Pastor Chad, Dave Olson, Kris Robinson, Leslie Johnson, Cheryl Roberts, Lincoln Havranek, Sara Rademacher, Amy White, Amber Labenz, and Toni Rasmussen. Pastor Kim McSheehy is our coach, and she'll be walking alongside us through this process. Each month we'll meet on Zoom with Pastor Kim and with the other congregations in our cohort.

I've been through this process once before. I can tell you from experience that good work comes out of it, and I trust that God's Spirit is leading us forward.

Where we start

Everything begins at the cross. Our roots are in the Good News of Jesus Christ and in God's call to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. God has a mission, and every congregation, including ours, has its own part in it.

A few big ideas guiding us

- **Start with what we have, not what we lack.** It's easy for churches to focus on what's missing. This process asks a different question: what has God already given us? The answer is more than we often realize: our people, our gifts, our building, our history, our love for this community.
- **Ask God questions, not church questions.** A church question sounds like "How do we get more young families so we can fix the budget?" A God question sounds like "What does our community need, and how might we help?" We're learning to ask the second kind.
- **Listen first.** We're practicing three kinds of listening: to God, to ourselves as a congregation, and to our neighbors in Wayne. Before we do anything new, we want to hear what God is already up to.
- **Know who we are.** Every congregation has something like its own DNA, made up of our story, our history, and how we've answered God's call over the years. Knowing that story helps us see where God might be leading next.

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- **Be willing to try things.** Some of what lies ahead doesn't have a ready-made answer. So we'll try small experiments, learn from them, and adjust. An experiment only fails if we don't learn anything from it.

Walking through the wilderness

The Bible often talks about the wilderness, the unknown place between where God's people were and where God was taking them. Being a church today can feel a bit like that. But the wilderness was never empty. It was the place where God provided, guided, and formed a people. We go into this season trusting that God is up to something.

What this means for you

This isn't only for the team. It's about all of us growing as disciples, as followers and learners of Jesus. In the coming months you'll hear more about what we're learning, and we'll invite you to share your own stories, ideas, and hopes for Our Savior. Feel free to talk with any team member along the way.

For now, I'd ask two things of you. Please pray for our team and our congregation, and keep your eyes open for where you see God at work in our church and in our community. I'd love to hear about it.

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.

There's something exciting happening at Our Savior. As we settle into the rhythms of fall, ministries are underway, new ideas are taking shape, and we're seeing more and more ways for people of all ages to learn, serve, connect, and grow together.

Sunday School and Confirmation are officially underway! Our children and youth are back together learning, asking questions, building relationships, and discovering how the stories of our faith connect to their own lives. As always, we are grateful for the adults who give their time to walk alongside our young people. These relationships matter, and we're excited to see where this year takes us.

On September 27, our young people also helped lead us in worship for Youth Sunday. From welcoming and reading to serving and helping behind the scenes, our kids had the opportunity to use their gifts as part of our worshiping community. These Sundays are an important reminder that children and youth aren't simply the *future* of the church—they are an important part of the church right now.

And the growing doesn't stop there!

Our Tiny Food Pantry has officially been installed outside our west entrance! What started as an idea and a hope is becoming another tangible way Our Savior can care for our neighbors. We are beginning the process of filling the pantry and spreading the word throughout the community. Anyone who needs a little extra help will be able to take what they need, while those who have a little extra to share can help keep it stocked. It's a simple concept rooted in something at the very heart of our faith: loving our neighbor.

A special thank you goes to Roger Lentz and Dave Olson for sharing their time and talents to help get the Tiny Food Pantry installed and ready to serve our community. Ministries like this come to life because people are willing to say, "How can I help?" We are grateful for Roger and Dave—and for everyone who has helped turn this idea into reality.

There are new ministries taking shape, familiar ministries finding new energy, and plenty of ideas still growing. Sometimes we don't know exactly where God will lead us when we plant that first seed—we simply trust, tend, and see what grows.

As we continue into this new program year, these words from Paul seem especially fitting:

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth."

— 1 Corinthians 3:6, NRSV

There are exciting things happening at Our Savior. Thank you for planting, watering, serving, encouraging, and continuing to Grow in Grace together. We can't wait to see what God grows next!



Music for October

Oct 3 & 4	Connie Webber, organist
Oct 10 & 11	Connie Webber, organist
Oct 17 & 18	Shelly Armstrong, pianist
Oct 24 & 25	Connie Webber, organist Joyful Noise handbells (Sun)

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD,

Celebrate Reformation!

Christians celebrate the reformation movement which grew up around Martin Luther beginning in the year of 1517. It continues to be a time to reflect on the gift of the Church given to us by Christ himself and the inspired leadership that Luther gave to those who sought to renew the Church according to the Word of the Gospel of Jesus in a time of frequent abuse and misuse of church power and authority.

Lutherans especially celebrate the date, October 31, 1517, as the day when the Reformation began. It was on that evening that Martin Luther nailed his 95 thesis (protests) to the door of the famous Wittenberg Cathedral. That event opened the way for discussion, controversy and profound changes in the life of the Church throughout Europe at the time.

Celebrate your Lutheran Heritage by celebrating Reformation on Saturday & Sunday , October 24 & 25!

HIS KINGDOM IS FOREVER

Rite of Confirmation

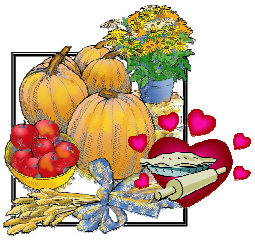
The following young people are completing their confirmation studies and are preparing to affirm the faith in which they were baptized: ***Tyler Daniels, Hadley Dunklau, Merrick Miller, Mason Wendte.***

Confirmation *(Affirmation of Baptism)* will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 25.

Thank You's...

Wayne Food Pantry—Thank you so much for your generous donation of $400 dated August 31, 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



23nd Annual Pies–4–You!

This is the 23nd year of our Pies-4-You Fundraiser that so many Our Savior members can be very proud of. We invite everyone to help with some part of this fundraiser; we have a job for everyone! **Mark your calendars! We will make pie crust dough on Saturday, November 7, and pies on Thursday, November 12, and Saturday, November 14.**

Orders for pies can be placed now! Charity Circle, Caring Cooks and the church office will be taking those orders until Monday, November 2. You can fill out the order form enclosed *(there is one for you and one for a friend!)* and return it, along with payment, to any Caring Cook or Charity Circle member or to the Church office. Order forms are also available at the church. **Pies are $15 each. We will be making Apple, Peach, Cherry, Rhubarb and Strawberry-Rhubarb pies.**

Note: We are in need of more apples for this year's project. If you have apples available to pick, and would like to donate them, we can find people to peel, cut them up and freeze them. Contact the church office or Kim Dunklau (402.369.1639).

School & Personal Care Kit Drive!

Our Savior's **Charity Circle will be assembling Personal Care and Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief on Wednesday, October 14, at 7pm,** in time to ship them out the first week of November — Everyone is welcome to come and help!

A donation center is in the narthex, if you'd still like to contribute. Items included in the kits are:

- 4–70-sheet spiral notebooks
- 1—30cm rulers
- 1—Pencil sharpeners
- 1—Blunt/safety scissors
- 5—Unsharpened #2 pencils
- 5—Black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1—Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1—2.5" erasers
- 1—Light-weight bath-size towels
- 2—Bath-size bar soap
- 1—Adult toothbrushes
- 1—Sturdy combs
- 1—Nail clippers



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

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

Women of the ELCA

CIRCLE & MINISTRY GROUP MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

- Wednesday, October 7, 10am

JOY CIRCLE & CHARITY CIRCLE

- Thursday, October 22, 5pm
  Program: Pink Flamingo Nite
  Leader: WELCA & Providence Medical Center

CHARITY CIRCLE

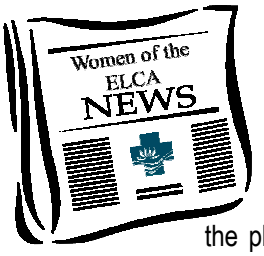
- Wednesday, October 14, 7pm
  Program: LWR School and Personal Care Kits
  Leader: Dorothy Wert

VISITATION MINISTRY GROUP

- Wednesday, October 21, 1pm

QUILT MINISTRY GROUP

- No meetings until Spring



DEAR, FRIENDS!

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered the plant, but it was God who made the plant grow. The one who planted and the one who waters really do not matter. It is God who matters, because he makes the plant grow. There is no difference between the man who plants and the man who waters; God will reward each one according to the work he has done. For we are partners working together for God, and you are God's field. You are also God's building."

1 Corinthians 3:6-9

Charity Circle planted the seed (LWR Kits), your faith in God lead you to water it with the supplies and God is leading us as a congregation (God's Building) to come together to build the kits on Wednesday, October 14th, at 7pm. This includes our youth and grown-ups! Let's work together and see God's plant completed. I am so excited to see if we met our challenge of 100 School Kits and 50 Personal Care Kits. Please, Come and help!

The following is Adel Bohlken's experience at the Saved to Serve event she attended: "I had a very rewarding

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experience at the Saved to Serve weekend August 14th – 16th in Fremont. About twenty women came together to work with Lisa Kramme, Director for Campus Ministry & Spiritual Wellness at Midland University. We were able to choose to help sort clothing for the free garage sale for students or set up the Warrior Open Cupboard with many donations from the Nebraska Women of the ELCA. It was heartwarming to be able to contribute my time and work with others to make a difference for students, who leave home to further their education to be able to obtain clothing, essentials, and food for free when money is tight. It was also comforting to hear the words of spiritual healing that Lisa shared during our meditation session on Saturday evening at Sinai Church Sanctuary. If you have never been to a Saved to Serve event, I encourage you to do so! It was my first time, and I hope to attend more in the future".

Thank you, Adel, for sharing that and glad you enjoyed it. I have always said that it is a rewarding experience.

Have you been seeing Pink Flamingo's around the church? Yes, it's time to get your tickets to attend Pink Flamingo Nite, Thursday, October 22. This is another Charity Circle project, and it supports a good cause for our local hospital and community. I hope to see you there!

We had seven ladies to tie quilts for LWR on September 14th. Marilyn says she has 40+ quilts, so far. There will be someone, somewhere, very happy to get one of these. We thank you Marilyn and the faithful ladies who continue to support this worthy project.

Keep a smile on your face, a song in your heart and love your neighbor,

Dorothy Wert
WELCA President

P.S. Are you remembering to use your ThankOffering Box for the Blessings God has given you?



ALTAR GUILD



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

Bread Bakers for October: Karen Zach, Kim Dunklau, Kelly Grone, Sherry Haase, Leslie Johnson.

Please check the worship assistant schedule for the date.

Pastoral Acts

- ***Schuyler Schweers*** and ***Payton Coon*** were united in marriage on Saturday, August 29, 2026.
- ***Julio Sanchez*** and ***Annie Kniesche*** were united in marriage on Saturday, September 5, 2026.
- A funeral service was held Friday, September 18, for ***Rod Ahlberg.*** Rod died Thursday, August 20, 2026.
- A graveside service was held Friday, September 25, for ***Ralph Miller.*** Ralph died Friday, September 4, 2026.
- A private family service was held Friday, September 25, for ***Denise Broders.*** Denise died Saturday, July 25, 2026.

Worship Services—
at Wayne Countryview & Kinship

Worship with Communion is offered on the first Tuesday of the month—**Tuesday, October 6.**



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

WACAM Worship Services

- **October 11**—Worship at Countryview, 1:30pm
- **November 2-6**—Radio Devotions



In Our Prayers

We remember in prayer those who were hospitalized in the last month: Vickie Damme, Pat Carnes, Rick Ellenbecker, Evan Hansen, Jill Brodersen, Laura Nelson.



"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, October 21, 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.

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, October 1, at 6pm.**

Book Study Group

Our Thursday morning book study group is reading a book by one of our favorite authors, Joyce Rupp, entitled The Years of Ripening, Reflections on Aging in the Later Years. This group meets every other Thursday. Join them on Thursdays, October 1, 15 & 29.

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 30** (schedule conflict on October 7) **& October 21.** 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, October 8 & 22.** 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, October 1, and Monday, October 19, from 9–11am.**



1 Cole Koenig, Karla Pick, Joe Ping
2 Lori Dean, Amber Labenz, Joe Wendte
3 Brinley Miller
4 Rita Keller, Kelly Petersen
5 Sandra Gathje, Joel Jorgensen, Chad Spahr
6 Lora Dion, Eddie Schuck, Evie Schuck
7 Tate Nelson
8 Olivia Allen
9 Carol Ellenbecker, Butch Meyer
10 Nancy Jo Powers
11 Virginia Backstrom, Bill Lueders
13 Mary Stalling
14 Kevin Frerichs, Chris Jager
16 Audra Miller
17 Matt Woehler
18 Steve Gemelke, Otto Hays, Marlin Meier
19 Phyllis Rahn
21 Kassidy Brudigam, Jamie Young
22 Brady Henderson
24 Meleah Larson
25 Jan Gamble
27 Bennett Sokol
28 Tracy Henschke
29 Mark Wacker
30 Marcille Draghu
31 Robert Behlers



& ANNIVERSARIES

2 Roger & Lynette Lentz (60)
Stuart & Brenda Lubberstedt (33)
Chris & Carol McGuire (22)
6 Rick & Carol Ellenbecker (37)
Ryan & Danielle Eskens (8)
7 Garrett & Cara Taylor (3)
10 Chris & Marci Woehler (17)
15 Luke & Megan Virgil (15)
16 Chad & Carissa Sokol (33)
John & Carolyn Vakoc (66)
22 Byron & Barb Heier (60)

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



OCTOBER is clergy appreciation month

The month of October is considered Clergy Appreciation Month and more specifically, the second Sunday of the month (October 11) is Clergy/or Pastor Appreciation Day. Take the opportunity to say thanks, pray for and encourage your pastor.



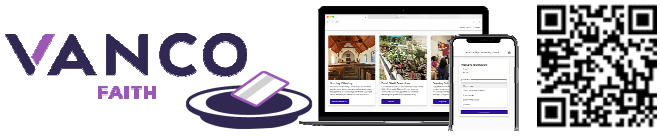
OWL's Appreciation Lunch

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.

Please **RSVP** to the church office **by Monday, October 5.**

Dollar Door Offering
—LFS Military & Veterans Services Programs

Each month our Dollar Door Offering *(offering plate in center of the Narthex)* goes to support the efforts of a different ministry. The **October** offering will go to Lutheran Family Services' Military and Veterans Services programs. *(for more information go to www.lfsneb.org)*



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 September 15, 2026	Year-to-Date
Beginning balance, 8/15/2026	-$8,665.02	$50,047.26
Add: Income	31,894.23	290,982.66
Less: Expenses	-38,356.80	-356,157.51
Ending balance, 9/15/2026	-$15,127.59	-$15,127.59

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

PRAYER Time

CALLED INTO COMMUNITY

God calls us into fellowship with one another on earth because it reflects the fellowship we will have with one another in heaven. The mission of the gospel is too big a task for us to do on our own; that is why He calls us to come together as a community to share in the ministry of the church.

How we serve God is how we serve those around us – the hurt, the broken, the weeping, the neglected, the outcast, or the hungry. In fact, how we serve God is how we serve each other. The more we open our eyes to see each other as children of God, the clearer we will be able to see the common cord that binds us together: the hope and glory of Jesus Christ.

What does it mean to be in community with others? Community goes beyond being a member of a congregation. We are called into community in our everyday life. We may be in several different communities at the same time; a work community, a common interest group such as a running group, a book group, an exercise group, or a service group. Being called into community means joining with others to share responsibilities and build a shared life of mutual support and trust. God calls us to be with others, to minister to each other, to help and encourage each other, and to love and care for each other in all that we do. Every time we interact with another person, we are carrying out the mission of our church community.

What does it mean to be called? Each person in a community belongs. Each person feels drawn to the group for a specific purpose. Each person feels a connection to the others in the community. Members care for each other and carry burdens together. Members are willing to be vulnerable, opening themselves up to others building a safe space for deep listening and deep connection. Being a part of the group is not just to belong; it is an opportunity to grow, learn, and work toward common goals of the community.

What personal traits are most helpful to the growth of the community? Members who are empathetic are important to the group. Empathetic people listen well to others, seeking understanding and caring about the others' feelings without judgment or criticism. It is necessary for members to demonstrate humility. Humble members put the group's needs above their own without looking for praise or power. Carrying out the mission of the community is the primary focus, not individual achievement or recognition. Being willing to serve is always helpful to the group. Service involves helping with everyday tasks, welcoming new members, and showing up when work needs to be done.

How might attitudes affect a community? Attitude directly shapes a community because mindsets are contagious, driving how we react to others and how we steer collective behavior. Whether good or bad, our attitude will influence others. Our attitude will determine our success or failure and the success or failure of others. Positive or negative mindsets *spread rapidly* through groups, lifting people up or tearing them down. Have you ever been in a long line of cars waiting for your turn to move ahead? What happens if one person in the line honks his horn? More than likely others join the initial honker. Before long everyone is honking. How we choose to respond to challenges dictates whether a group unifies or fractures. Attitudes of humility, patience, and gentleness foster deep trust and resolve conflicts before they cause division.

Everyone possesses spiritual gifts – gifts from the Holy Spirit. Every spiritual gift has a purpose, and we are called to share our gifts within our communities. The gifts most effective for building a healthy community include service, teaching, exhortation (encouragement), and leadership. Additional gifts of compassion, administration, and wisdom help the community organize and plan events and provide sound advice when making decisions or solving conflicts. What are your spiritual gifts? There are tests you can take to help you determine your gifts, but you can also think about what others continually ask of you. People come to you to share what you are good at doing. Those are your gifts. Others are able to see your spiritual gifts within you.

God knows we can accomplish great things when working together for the common good. He calls us into community. He asks us to interact with each other, to work together carrying out the ministry of the church, to love one another, to serve one another, to care for each other, to share our spiritual gifts. God became man and lived among us to

PRAYER Time (continued)

teach us how to be servants to each other. He shows us the way. May we listen well and follow Jesus' examples in this community of Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Let us pray:

Kind and loving Father,

We thank you for the gift of people and the places we share.
Lord, we ask you to build a strong community among us.
Bind our hearts together in true unity and peace.

Give us open eyes to see the needs of our neighbors.
Give us open ears to listen before we speak.
Remove pride, doubt, and division from our midst.
Fill us with your grace so we can forgive and support one another.

Make our neighborhood a safe place of hope and comfort.
Use our hands to serve the weak and lift up the heavy-hearted.
Let your love flow through us, making us a light to the world.

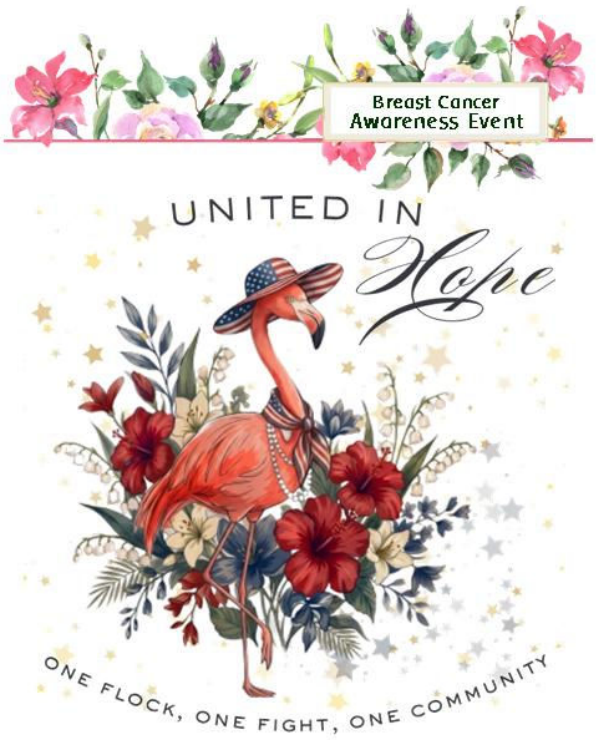
Lift up those who are struggling within our community —
those who are experiencing hardship, poverty, loneliness, or illness.
Surround them with your love and comfort, and
inspire us to reach out with compassion and support.

Finally, Lord, I thank you for the gift of community
and for the bonds of love and fellowship that unite us.
Help us to be instruments of your peace, shining your light
and spreading your love wherever we go.

In your holy name, we pray.

Amen.





PINK FLAMINGO NITE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026

5pm–9pm | Tickets $15

Our Savior Lutheran Church

5th & Main Street | Wayne NE

oslc@oslcwayne.org I 402.375.2899

EVENT INCLUDES:

- **Vendors**—Shop from **5–9pm**
- **Light Meal**—served from **5:30pm–6:45pm**
  [Gluten Free and Nut Free Available]
- **Live Musical Entertainment**—by Sherie Lundahl
- **Featured Speaker: Jenna Schutt—The Joy Reflex™**
  Author • Speaker • Devotional Writer — **7pm**



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- **Raffle & Silent Auction**—featuring a vintage quilt, crocheted afghan & gift baskets!
- **Cash Wine Bar**—hosted by The Jug Store [a portion of sales donated to event]
- **Flower Bar**—provided by the Wayne Greenhouse
- **Mystery Box**—purchase a box for chance to win a necklace & earrings set from Witt's Jewelry in Wayne
- **Awareness Information**—by Providence Medical Center & Wayne Family Medicine
- **Door Prizes, Games & More!**
- **Photo Booth**—share your pic(s) to our event page!
- **Bring Your Friends!** Invite your friends, co-workers and family to join you for a fun evening with a great purpose!
- **Additional Donation Opportunities** — Cash, check or Venmo accepted.
- **Wear PINK!** Add a little extra fun to the evening by dressing in your favorite pink!

VENDORS INCLUDE:

- **Aqua Pop**
- **Amber Leigh's Creations**
- **Black Rooster Baking Co.**
- **C&J Designs**
- **Circle S Creations**
- **Connell's Freeze Dried Treats**
- **Fischer Crochet and Crafts**
- **Mary Kay**
- **Pampered Chef**
- **Parklane Jewelry**
- **Tammy's Craft Room**
- **Tupperware**
- **Wayne Greenhouse**

And MORE!



TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! — Funds raised will go toward the purchase of a new **MAMMOGRAPHY MACHINE!**

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TICKET, RAFFLE & DONATION INFORMATION:

Event Tickets and Raffle Tickets can be purchased using the Venmo QR Code; please indicate number of and which kind of tickets are being purchased. Event Tickets are available at all Wayne banks, PMC Wellness Center, The Wayne Greenhouse, Bloom & Grace, I Wet My Plants, Missa Sue's Salon (Laurel), Midwest Bank (Pilger), and Our Savior Lutheran Church! **Tickets are available until October 12.** For more information, contact the church office: 402.375.2899 or oslc@oslcwayne.org.

Sponsored by Our Savior Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA, Providence Medical Center and PacNSave.
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PINK FLAMINGO NITE



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



Ways You Can Help with Pink Flamingo Nite!

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

Tickets for the raffle can be purchased one ticket for $5, three for $10 or seven for $20. There is a beautiful 97" x 92" embroidered quilt and a beautiful crocheted afghan, both generously donated to the event. The drawing will be held during the October 22 event **and you do not need to be present to win.**

Gift Baskets or items for a basket can be donated; one item, several items, a gift card, or an entire basket. Individuals, families, businesses, and groups are all welcome to participate! We suggest keeping the **suggested value of each basket between $30–$50**.

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!

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

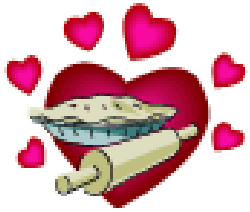


New Opportunities This Year!

Two new opportunities will be available at this year's Pink Flamingo Nite! The Wayne Greenhouse will provide a **Flower Bar;** choose from fresh flowers to put together a bouquet, and **Mystery Boxes;** purchase a box for a chance to win a necklace and earrings set from Witt's Jewelry valued at more than $300!



Let Us Make Your Holiday Pies!



Apple! Peach! Cherry! Rhubarb! Strawberry-Rhubarb!

Order your 2026 Holiday pies now! Orders can be placed until Monday, November 2. **Pies are $15 each.** We will be making Rhubarb, Strawberry Rhubarb, Cherry, Peach and Apple pies.

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	Qty	x $15	Total
Apple	_____		_____
Peach	_____		_____
Cherry	_____		_____
Rhubarb	_____		_____
Strawberry/Rhubarb	_____		_____
	Total enclosed		_____

❑ I will pick my pie(s) up **on November 14!**

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Pies sold by: _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00am Sleeping Mat Ministry 10:00am Book Study Group 6:00pm Women Who Love to Talk-and Eat (at Runze)	2 6:00pm Front Porch Program	3 6:30pm Worship
4 9:00am Fellowship Hour 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	5 10:30am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Executive Committee 5:30pm Property Team Mtg	6 10:00am Cluster Text Study  2:00pm Communion @ Wayne Countryview 3:00pm Communion @ Kinship Pointe 6:30pm Cultivate Faith Bible Study	7 10:00am WELCA Executive Board 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Joyful Noise 7:45pm HS Youth Group	8 3:30pm Bible Study at Kinship	9	10 6:30pm Worship
11  9:00am Coffee with Council 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship  11:15am OWL's Luncheon 1:30pm Worship @ Countryview	12  9:00am Quilt Ministry Group 10:30am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Christian Ed Mtg 6:30pm Fellowship Team Mtg 7:00pm Church Council	13 10:00am Cluster Text Study 5:00pm Stewardship Team Mtg 6:30pm Cultivate Faith Bible Study	14 10:30am WACAM 6:00pm Joyful Noise 7:45pm HS Youth Group	15 10:00am Book Study Group	16 6:00pm Front Porch Program	17 6:30pm Worship
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COUNCIL CORNER

—Monday, September 14, 2026 Meeting

- The Front Porch will be open the first and third Fridays of each month beginning Friday, October 2nd, from 6:00-9:00 pm for all junior high youth. The program will run through December. Activities will be supervised by Amy White and Zarah Torres, a WSC student.
- Our Little Free Food Pantry is up near the entrance on the west side of the church. Plans are under way to stock the pantry using funds from various grant money received for our Food Ministry.
- We will have an all church brunch after worship on Sunday, October 18, for the Broken Open Stewardship Campaign.

The next council meeting will be held on **Monday, October 12, 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, October 11,** in the church narthex.

Daily Devotional Books

The October, November, December issue of the Christ In Our Home devotional books are available at the information desk.



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, October 24, 2026.

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Weekly Worship Opportunities:

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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