This Week at Our Savior – Sept. 13-20

Sunday	Coffee with Council	9am
	Rally Day Sunday School Registration	9am
	Worship	**10am**
	Stewardship Team Mtg	11:15am
Monday	Quilt Ministry Group	9am
	Staff Mtg	10:30am
	Property Team Mtg	5:30pm
	Christian Ed Mtg	6pm
	Fellowship Team Mtg	6:30pm
	Council Mtg	7pm
Tuesday	*Cluster Clergy Text Study*	*10am*
Wednesday	OWL's Bible Study	10am
	Visitation Ministry Group	1pm
	Confirmation (5th, 6th, 7th)	6pm
	Joyful Noise Rehearsal	6pm
	Charity Circle	7pm
Thursday		
Friday	Rod Ahlberg funeral service	11am
Saturday	**Worship**	**5:30pm**
Sunday	Fellowship Hour, **Sunday School**	9am
	Worship	**10am**
	Stewardship Team Mtg	11:15am

CALENDAR ITEMS

Reminder...please contact the church office regarding **ALL meetings or gatherings scheduled** at the church; 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.***

READINGS

The lectionary readings for September 19 & 20 are Jonah 3:10--4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16.

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



Announcements

WELCOME

It is a genuine joy to welcome all who have come to praise our Lord. Let us begin this service as we should begin every day: In the name of the Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Welcome! **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.*

CHILDREN'S OFFERING JAR & DOODLE PAPER!



Little Lutheran Doodle Pads are available at the activities shelf near the soundboard. Children are welcome to use this paper during the worship service.

Note: *Children are invited to take forward an offering* ***during the regular offering time****.* ***Adults, feel free to send your pocket change with any of the children coming forward.***

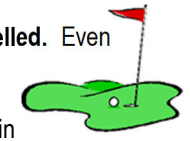
HEARING ASSISTANCE—Hearing devices are available at the sound tech desk at the back of the sanctuary.

RADIO BROADCAST—In honor of my mother, Ruby Hokamp's 102nd birthday, by Roger & Lynette Lentz. Radio broadcast of our Sunday morning worship service can be heard live on AM 1590 and FM 98.9, online at 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.*

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING — CANCELLED!



Due to the forecasted weather, **this year's golf outing has been cancelled.** Even though we won't be hitting the course, we'd still like to encourage everyone to **consider bringing a canned or boxed food item or a monetary donation for the Wayne Food Pantry.** In addition to the items listed in **"Share Your Blessings"** below, the pantry is especially in need **of pancake mix, vegetable beef soup, and chicken noodle soup** at this time.

The golf outing has typically resulted in a sizeable pickup load of donations. **Let's see if we can still fill that pickup!** Donations may be brought to the church and placed in the **Wayne Food Pantry donation basket in the Narthex.**

Thank you for helping us turn a cancelled event into an opportunity to **share our blessings with those in need!**

DOLLAR DOOR OFFERING—PINK FLAMINGO NITE

Each month, our Dollar Door Offering (offering plate in the center of the Narthex) supports 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****!*

WELCA CIRCLES AND INTEREST GROUPS

All women of the congregation are always welcome and invited to participate in a Circle. **Joy Circle meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2pm, Charity Circle meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm, the Visitation Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1pm**, the Quilting Group meets during the spring/summer/fall months and Caring Cooks contacts participants for meals as needed. For more information about any of these groups, please contact the church office or refer to the monthly Newsletter.

Join us this Monday, September 14, for Quilt Ministry (9am) and Wednesday, September 16, for Visitation Ministry (1pm) and Charity Circle (7pm). Charity Circle will be making Thanksgiving cards that are used by our Visitation Ministry Group; all women of the congregation are invited!

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 this **Wednesday, September 16.** Everyone is welcome.

SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS



In an effort to provide continued support to the **Wayne Food Pantry**, each month we designate particular items that the pantry provides. A basket is available in the Narthex to collect the donated items.

For September: **paper products**—Kleenex and disposable diapers; **cleaning items**—detergent, laundry soap, hand soap and window, floor and furniture cleaners; **toiletry items**—shampoo, conditioner, deodorant for men and women, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, hair brushes, and hand and body lotion.

Note: Other items of emphasis this month are individual serving items: granola bars, mac N cheese cups, hot and cold cereal packets, chicken noodle soup, ravioli, and snack items.

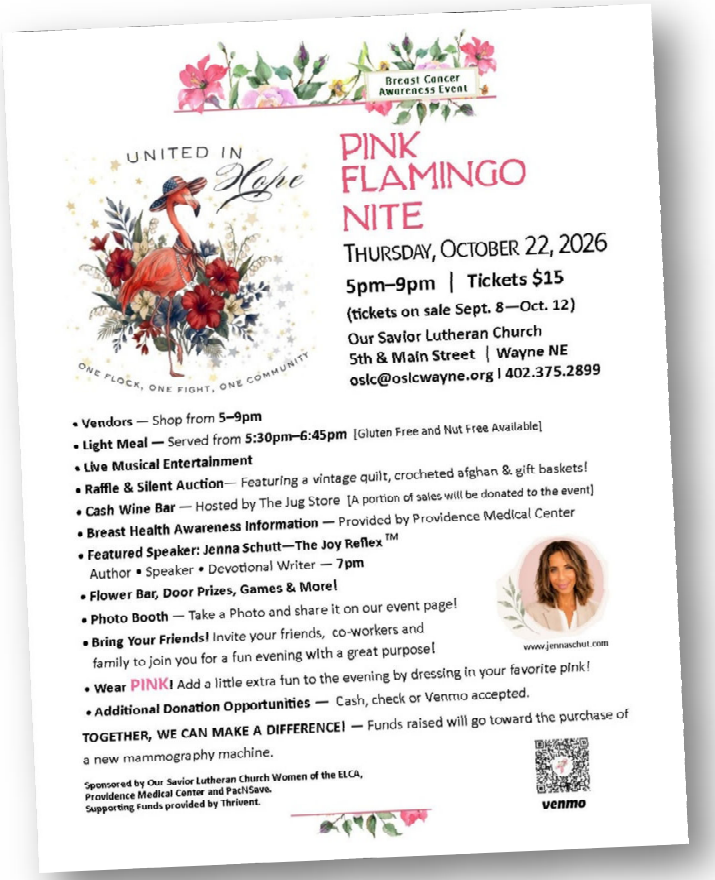
KIT CHALLENGE FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

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

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



WE'D LIKE YOUR HELP... WITH 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!

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!

GOSPEL MESSAGE

September 13, 2026
LECTIONARY 24

Forgiven and Freed

Today's gospel reading is all about forgiveness. In the complex web of human relationships, forgiveness often feels messy. We may not understand it, and it may at times feel entirely out of reach. Yet, as Christians, we are called to wrestle with the promise that even when forgiveness feels impossible, there is room for us and for others in the wideness of God's mercy. How do we make sense of this?

We might begin by experiencing God's forgiveness ourselves. Many worshiping communities begin the service with a time of confession and forgiveness. Together we name out loud the ways we have failed to love God and neighbor, the ways we have failed to recognize ourselves or one another as beloved children of God. We name how we have been complacent in systems of injustice, how we have harmed one another directly, and the hurtful things we don't even know we've done.

This practice may seem deeply unsettling; after all, where else do we greet each other with a list of all the things we've done wrong? But confession is also freeing. It gives us permission to stop pretending we have it all together. It allows us to shed the weight of our mistakes and lay down our burdens so our hands and hearts are ready to receive God's mercy.

And then, week after week, we hear God's words of forgiveness for us and for our neighbors. We are reminded that there is always and forever enough of God's grace and forgiveness to go around. The public declaration of our forgiveness frees us to enter into the rest of our worship service with open and grateful hearts. And then God's forgiveness sends us out in the world to practice the hard work of forgiving others and receiving their forgiveness in turn, knowing that God will meet us again and again with mercy and grace.

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In Our Prayers... September 12 & 13, 2026

"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: Pat Carnes

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health Concerns:

- For a friend whose cancer has returned.
- Bless and keep our dear friends as they start a month-long journey through CAR-T cell therapy. Keep a watchful eye on their family and home while they are away.
- For those recovering from injury or illness.
- For those undergoing treatments for cancer and other health issues.

Guidance:

Spiritual Healing/Strength:

- Help us remember our Lutheran faith was built by common people living common lives. Help us take care of each other first and not covet what others appear to have.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- For those who help grow our faith.

Deaths:

- For the family of Don Zeiss.
- For the Moeller and Moes families.
- For the family of Rod Ahlberg.
- For the family of Charlene Schroeder in the death of her brother, Dale.

Other Prayers:

- For youth and mentors as they begin Confirmation and Sunday School.
- 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 has heard my prayer. Psalm 66:19

Worship Assistants

This Weekend (9/12 & 13)
Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm
Greeters-Ronnie Doring
LWA & CA-Kathy Becker
Acolyte-Mason Nelson
Sound-Duane Blomenkamp
Projection-Margaret Hansen
Ushers-Rod & Melia Hefti
Altar Guild-Peggy Hank, Karen Zach

10am
Greeters-Sue Denton
LWA & CA-Roger Lentz
CA-Kim Dunklau, Madge Bruflat
Acolyte-Brody Virgil
Sound-Amber Labenz
Projection-Gabriel Armstrong
Video-Tom Hansen
Ushers-Steve McLagan, Ron Carnes, Alex Phelps, Pete Reeg
Altar Guild-Madge Bruflat, Julie Grone

Next Weekend (9/19 & 20)
Organist/Pianist: Shelly Armstrong

5:30pm
Greeters-Myrna Wacker-Tuttle
LWA & CA-Jean Blomenkamp
Acolyte-
Sound-Jim Hansen
Projection-Jim Hansen
Ushers-Dorothy Wert, Deb Wert
Altar Guild-Myrna Wacker-Tuttle, Dorothy Wert

10am
Greeters-Chad & Tiffany Henderson
LWA & CA-Lincoln Havranek
CA-Cynthia Puntney, Karma Magnuson
Acolyte-Mason Wendte
Sound-Jerry Robinson
Projection-Barb Stenwall
Video-Kris Robinson
Ushers-Ron Magnuson, Kelvin Puntney
Altar Guild-Mary Hansen, Teri Koenig

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Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

... If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we **live** or whether we **die, we are the LORD'S.**

Romans 14:7, NRSV

Welcome

September 12 & 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Order of Worship

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Gathering Song: ELW 835
Confession & Forgiveness
Greeting
Prayer of the Day
Hymn of Praise: *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*
Children's Time *(Sun)*
First Reading: page 47
Genesis 50:15-21
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Psalm 103:1-13
Second Reading: page 1035
Romans 14:1-12
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Matthew 18:21-35
Message
Hymn of the Day: ELW 781
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 742
Dismissal
Postlude

End of Worship. Beginning of Service.