



# July 2025

## CrossTalk Newsletter

The Mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School is 'connecting families in Christ' by proclaiming the forgiveness of sin in the Gospel and the Sacraments.

### God Bless America!

The truly patriotic time of year in which we celebrate our nation's birthday is July 4<sup>th</sup>. There's something wonderful about the lasting effect the decisions of 1776 brought to our great land. We shouldn't take it for granted, and we should never forget the courageous effort our fathers took to declare independence! Perhaps we should take some time to read or watch a video on the landmark events that took place 249 years ago. The joy of seeing that great heritage or even sharing it with someone in your family makes the day even more special. May the Lord bless you to celebrate our life together in these United States.

As the heart of summer is officially underway, we have an amazing adventure going on in our Early Learning Center. We are seeing the Lord at work in the lives of Moses and Joshua. As Yahweh called Moses to serve faithfully, so He calls us to live for Him today. The Lord promises, "I will be with you." And He most certainly is as our strength and our guide. This was the promise to Joshua as well. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 This beautiful gospel brings the soul comfort as you know that the Lord is capable of keeping His promises, and He is immovable as a defense for His people.

May we be encouraged in this month of July by God's presence. And may our prayers continuously petition the Lord to be our guide, to grant us trust in Him, and to believe that where He leads us is for His good and gracious will. We are stepping out in faith as the people of Our Savior's to care for the facility that we have been blessed with as a part of His Church. The Lord calls us to be good stewards of all that we have been granted both in life and in property. And there is a lot to be done both at home and in our neighborhood. May the Lord grant us wisdom to make the best of our talents and our resources to support the ministry of our Church and ELC in caring for the people that God places in our lives. To Him be the glory forever. Amen

God's peace,  
Pastor Gadbaw

# From Our Health Ministry



## AVOID THE BURN WHILE ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS

Whether you're spending the day at the ballpark, soccer fields or swimming pool, too much time in the sun can result in a skin injury, such as a sunburn. A sunburn is a sudden injury in which the skin becomes damaged from natural or artificial ultraviolet light exposure. If ultraviolet light exposure is excessive, long-term skin damage can occur. It is important for everyone to take proper precautions to protect themselves, especially children as studies have shown that most of all sun damage occurs before the age of 20.

## STAY SAFE WHILE ENJOYING THE SUN



**APPLY SUNSCREEN** with an SPF of 30 to dry skin 15 minutes before going outside.



No matter your skin tone, **APPLY SUNSCREEN GENEROUSLY** while outside, even when cloudy. (Use at least 1 ounce, or a shot glass amount, to cover exposed skin.)



**USE A LIP BALM** with SPF 30, at least, to protect your lips.



**REAPPLY SUNSCREEN** every couple of hours and after swimming or excessive sweating.



Always **STAY HYDRATED**—the longer you're in the sun, the more dehydrated your skin and body will get.



**DON'T FORGET** to put sunscreen on those easy-to-forget areas such as the ears and scalp.



**WEAR SUNGLASSES** with UV protection.



If participating in a sport or activity, make sure your sunscreen is **SWEAT RESISTANT**.



**STAY IN THE SHADE** when possible.



**WEAR LARGE-BRIM HATS** when in the sun for extended periods of time.



After spending time in the sun, **APPLY ALOE VERA** or lotion to your skin, even if you don't have a sunburn.

Source: National Athletic Trainers' Association, MLB Team Physicians Association, American Academy of Dermatology  
Infographic provided by the National Athletic Trainers' Association

# Servant Fair Opportunity of the Month

*In January 2025, the Health Ministry hosted a Servant Fair to showcase the wide range of volunteer opportunities available at OSL. Each month, we'll spotlight one or two of these opportunities to help you discover meaningful ways to connect—and stay connected—with your church family. Stay tuned and consider how you might get involved!*

**Name of Group:** Audio Visual

**Contact Person:** Mike Metzger/Andre Mlinar

**Time Commitment:** 1 hour service (rotating schedule), 30 minutes before the service to ensure equipment is working properly

**Description of group's work:**

- Record the church service and livestream it
- Maintain audio visual levels, turn off/on mics as needed
- Direct the cameras to focus of service (pulpit, altar)
- Deliver recorded CD to local TV station
- Check microphones and their batteries



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**Name of Group:** Blessing Box

**Contact Person:** Mike Smithers

**Time Commitment:** 1 hour per month

**Description of group's work:**

- monitor supply of food items
- resupply as needed from coat room
- organize/clean display box as needed
- verbal/bulleting announcements to promote congregation donation
- purchase food items with donated cash



## Upcoming Guild Events

**Remember, all the ladies of the congregation are invited to join us!**

- √ Mark your July calendar for Tuesday, July 8, 2025. The OSL Guild will be meeting at **9:00 a.m.** for a breakfast meeting in the Commons. **Note the change in time.** The program will feature Rev. Dr. Steven Hokana, Chaplain and Assistant Director LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, speaking via Zoom about Project Barnabas. **Congregation members are invited to join us at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary for the presentation.**
- √ AbleLight Thrift Store visit is scheduled for Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Contact Sharon Haberkamp if you would like to assist with duties at the Thrift Store.
- √ Quilters will not be meeting during the summer months. Quilting will resume its regular schedule on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Commons to tie quilts for Orphan Grain Train and Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.
- √ Just a reminder that the Guild will not be meeting in August. Group 3 will be serving the Bloodmobile workers a meal on August 12<sup>th</sup> and providing cookies for the blood donors.
- √ Just a note to Guild and congregation members who would like to become involved in our **Table Treasures** event for 2025. The date is Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, with the theme "Christmas Traditions". We are looking for hostesses who would like to set a table and invite guests to share a time of fellowship and of course food with them! Please prayerfully consider joining us for this event. If you would like to reserve a spot to set a table, please see Karen Gensmer.

### Project Barnabas

The vision of Operation Barnabas is that every military-connected person lives in the hope and peace of God's love and mercy as revealed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In 2007, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Ministry to the Armed Forces launched Operation Barnabas. Through this program — the only one of its kind in the U.S. — together with our congregations, we accomplish three key goals:

1. Care for Reserve chaplains and their families and congregations.
2. Train and assist local congregations in their care and support of local military members and their families and veterans.
3. Serve as a resource to other organizations that provide care to military families and veterans



# Our Savior's Lutheran Women's Guild News

## Highlights of June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Guild Meeting

The OSL LWML Women's Guild met on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. with lunch prepared by Roxann Field & Candace Metzger. 22 people attended.

- President Gwen Dahl led the group in a devotion entitled "Growing in God's Grace" from the upcoming LWML National Convention. She then introduced Pastor Gadbow who led the group in the 2025 LWML Prayer Service entitled "Blessed are they...Matthew 5:1-12". Sharon Haberkamp provided piano accompaniment for the hymn sung during the service.
- Jeanette Bening reported on two books that she had read and recommended to the group. The first was *The Measure of a Heart* by Jeanette Olke and the second was *The Love Stories of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream.
- The group voted to contribute \$100.00 to each of the four LWML National Convention offerings for a total of \$400.00 for their June mission project.
- Human Care/Christian Life Chairman Candace Metzger noted that our June through August Human Care project will be the collection of items for the Orphan Grain Train Christmas Boxes.
- Candace also provided members with the results of their votes for the national mission projects and officer candidates.
- Cheer Chair Vivian Gonzalez reported that she sent four cards in May.
- Sharon Haberkamp reported that a total of 6 lbs of food was taken to the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf in May. Sharon will be traveling to AbleLight on Thursday, June 12, 2025.
- Jeanette Bening reported that the quilters tied nine quilts on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. She mentioned that the quilters will not be meeting this summer and will resume their regular schedule in September.
- Joyce Cruser was graciously accepted as a new member of the Guild.
- Last Sunday, 2025 High School graduate Michael Sauter was presented with a cross wall plaque from the Guild to commemorate his graduation. Logan Schwanz will be presented with the same gift at another time.
- Our next regular Guild meeting will be on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, beginning with breakfast served by the Guild Executive Board at 9:00 a.m. in the Commons. Our speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Steven Hokana, Chaplain and Assistant Director LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, informing us about Operation Barnabas via Zoom in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. All congregation members are invited to listen to his presentation.

***The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.***

### ***Mission Statement***

*As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.*

### ***Vision Statement***

*The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.*

# News from the Early Learning Center

Happy 4th of July!

We are enjoying summer in the ELC. We are hoping for some more sunshine soon. Due to multiple rainy days, we did use donations to have bounce houses in the Activity Center to break up the rainy days. Thanks to the donations we receive!

Speaking of donations: some of our recent purchases have included a dryer as ours was not repairable, VBS items, arts and craft supplies and a staff perk for a beverage from the new business in town, Sips. We are grateful for these blessings.

VBS theme is in full motion. Shirlee Landskroener is doing music with the toddler through school age groups. Pastor Gadabaw is doing Chapel on Tuesdays using the VBS message for the week. The snacks and crafts really get the kids involved.

We are supporting Ginny with a lot of prayers. Thank you to those in the congregation who are lifting Ginny and her family up. Ginny says she can feel it and appreciates all the support.

We have some fabulous staff working at the ELC that will be going back to college in fall. We will be needing to replace these staff soon. The church website has a section all about the ELC and there is an employment tab with an application. Applicants also have the option to stop in or email their resume to [osldirector@oslhutch.com](mailto:osldirector@oslhutch.com).



Lori Holtberg  
OSL Director



## COMMON CUP BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE:

Is happening in July. We need to collect:

- 15 Backpacks
- Sharp Scissors
- Black Dry Erase Markers
- Orange College-Ruled Notebooks
- #2 Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)
- (Cash is always appreciated)



Last day to drop off is August 11th.

# Celebrating this Month



7/1 Sandy Larson  
7/2 Pamela Luedtke  
7/4 Vivian Gonzalez  
7/8 Liliana Haley  
7/10 Virgil Kurtzweg  
7/10 Eugene Otto  
7/10 Lucie Penkert  
7/11 Emery Blumhoefer  
7/11 Phyllis Ide  
7/12 Jamie Blumhoefer  
7/13 Paul Hallman  
7/13 Marlow Knuth  
7/14 Richard Nybakke  
7/16 Sharon Haberkamp  
7/18 Diane Knuth  
7/20 Neal Rannow  
7/22 Michael Knodel  
7/26 Jennie Asher  
7/26 Jordyn Haley  
7/26 Pearl Schwarz  
7/28 Rev. John Grein  
7/29 Lucas Hallman  
7/29 Brenda Zackrison  
7/30 Darlene Kuehl  
7/30 Cary Glieden  
7/31 Karen Grein



7/4	Joe & Jennie Asher	16 Years
7/18	Ronald & Pearl Schwarz	38 Years
7/19	James & Lynn Lauer	39 Years
7/21	John & Karen Grein	52 Years
7/25	Leonard & Vicki Lasley	38 Years
7/30	Franklin & Alice Boller	71 Years

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church & ELC

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## Ministry Staff

Rev. Daniel Gadbaw.....Pastor  
Shirlee Landskroener..... Music Director  
Karen Ostlund..... Sunday School  
Sherry Drahos..... Administrative Assistant

## 2025 Church Officers

Chairman	Wayne Kuehl
Vice Chairman	Kevin Mathews
Secretary	Michelle Metzger
Treasurer	Dale Ortloff

## Elders

Marshall Kranz, Chairman  
Paul Barchenger  
Mark Bening  
Jason Coyle  
Craig Jergens  
Jim Lauer  
Mike Smithers

## Trustees

Mike Metzger  
Chuck Esser  
Adam Field

## Custodians

Jeff Radunz  
David Radunz

## Early Learning Center Staff

Lori Holtberg .....	Early Learning Director
Carrie Farley .....	Healthcare Consultant
Shirley Alsleben.....	Cook
Cora Bjorngjeld.....	Childcare Team
Rachel Carlson .....	Childcare Team
Duston Cohrs .....	Childcare Team
Laila Dubay.....	Childcare Team
Lucy Dubay.....	Childcare Team
Gabrielle Gabrelcik.....	Childcare Team
Morgan Glieden .....	Childcare Team
Alysha Hatton .....	Childcare Team
Miranda Heine .....	Childcare Team
Hallie Hoff .....	Childcare Team
Brenna Killian.....	Childcare Team
Casey Koski .....	Childcare Team
Shelby Norgaard .....	Childcare Team
Hannah Peterson .....	Childcare Team
Ginny Rogers .....	Childcare Team
Paige Slinden .....	Childcare Team
Ana Sullivan.....	Childcare Team
Kathryn Vesely .....	Childcare Team
Courtney Williams .....	Childcare Team
Kiera Ziemer .....	Childcare Team

## Early Learning Center Committee

Dean Brehmer .....	Chairman
Gaylen Timm .....	Finances
Ashley Buresh.....	Secretary
Rev. Daniel Gadbaw .....	Pastor
Lori Holtberg .....	Director
Linda Esser.....	Representative

