

Quarterly Ministry Update

Fall 2023



Vacation Bible School JULY 17-20, 2023

- ★ Super Heroes for God
- ★ 120 kids
- ★ 40+ volunteers
- ★ Tons of fun!



Adult Bible Studies

Our Savior is blessed to offer Bible Studies throughout the week. As we all strive to grow and mature as Christians, be encouraged to consider attending one or more of these opportunities.

The Gospel of Matthew—Led by Pastor Fred on Sundays at 9:30am in Room B06, begins October 1.

Share Jesus without Fear—based on a book by William Fay, who was facing the threat of jail time, but turned to Jesus Christ for redemption and continues to turn others to Christ as well. Led by Roger Martin. Sundays, 9:30am in Room B01, beginning October 15 for 6 weeks.

Prophecy of Scripture: The Messiah—Learn how the old testament prophecies of the Messiah are fulfilled in the new testament. Mondays at 3:30pm in the Conference Room led by Sandy Blumenschein, beginning September 11.

Meant for Good (for women)—written by Donna Snow, leading us through the story of Joseph, as he faithfully waits for God's plans to come together. This Women's Bible Study meets on Tuesdays, 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, beginning September 12 led by Elaine Taggatz and Joyce Pettit.

Heroes of the Faith—From the comfort of your home (or office), join this Zoom Study that will focus on ordinary people of the Bible who overcame extraordinary difficulties to do God's extraordinary work. Wednesdays at 10:00am with Pastor Fred.

The Book of Romans—Pastor Adam's online Bible study is available on Thursdays, beginning at 9:00pm on Facebook.

The Gospel of Luke (for men)—Come for an early cup of coffee and Bible Study on Fridays at 6:15am Perkins in Chaska with Pastor Holz. You are welcome to stay for breakfast after the study.

30 Virtues that Build a Man—Men's Breakfast Bible Study will resume each month on Saturdays at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Watch the calendar for exact dates. And when the gym is available, you can stay for some Pickleball (open to all adults and youth 13+ with a parent) afterwards.

Confirmation Change

In our efforts to make our 7th-8th grade confirmation program the best it can be, we are changing the day of the week we are meeting. Confirmation classes will take place Sunday mornings beginning **September 17 from 9:30-10:30am** and will continue on Sundays throughout the school year. We will not meet on Wednesday nights.

6th-8th Grade Youth

One of the greatest responsibilities the church has is to raise up disciples, encouraging them in their faith, and teaching them everything that our Lord Jesus commanded (Matthew 28:20). This is important for all ages, but it is especially important that we make an effort to make disciples of the younger generations among us. Proverbs 22:6 says, *"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."*

While parents will play the largest role in training their children in the way they should go, the church has a major role to play in this as well. This fall, as we seek to partner with parents in discipling their children, we will be upgrading our 6th-8th grade middle school ministry. We believe that this is a pivotal moment in the faith life of a young person and there is much more we can be doing to help these young people grow in their faith during this time.

Beginning on **Sunday, October 8**, 6th-8th Gr Woven Youth will begin meeting every **Sunday night** from **6:30-8:30pm** at the church. Woven is based on Psalm 139. *My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth (v. 15).* We will be doing Bible Study and prayer, but also playing games and engaging in other fun activities. The goal is to have these students grow in their faith in Jesus and to develop relationships with Christians their own age.



With this change in 6th-8th Gr, we will also be changing our confirmation schedule. We will no longer be meeting on Wednesday nights but will have confirmation on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30am.

We look forward to partnering with parents to help their children to grow in their faith. We thank you in advance for your prayers and support and may God continue to bless you as you grow in your faith.

In Christ,
Pastor Adam and Joe Aurich

Sunday School

On **Sunday, September 17**, we will begin our 1st-6th grade confirmation and also the start of programming for our Preschool/Kindergarten students. We will be learning about the Triune God, Lord's Prayer, 6th-10th Commandments and the Sacraments. Our 6th grade students will have 1st Communion on Sunday, November 5.

Beginning in November, we will transition to a new curriculum and begin preparations for the **Music Celebration** on December 20. In January, we will continue with Sunday School programming. For all preschool through 6th graders.



**August 20, 2023
Ordination & Installation
of Pastor Fred**

Darkroom Faith

Beginning **October 8 at 6:30pm**, there will be an opportunity for both youth and parents to examine the nagging questions hidden away in the dark corners of your minds. A brief video will be followed by deeper conversation. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Trunk or Treat

On **Friday, October 27 from 5:00-7:00pm** we will be hosting a Trunk or Treat family event! Mark your calendars and begin thinking about a fun trunk you'd like to host at the event. There will be a supper option, treats and lots of family fun!! Watch for more details and a signup in a few weeks!



Operation Christmas Child

Our VBS Students were busy and collected over 1300 items that will go inside Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We will also need your help with purchasing items or making monetary donations to purchase items. We will be creating an Amazon wish list to make shopping/donating quick and easy.

We will be holding a shoebox packing event on **Wednesday, November 15 with supper at 5:30 followed by packing at 6:30pm**. Save the date and join us as we create these wonderful gifts for children throughout the world.

Did you know that the more drop off locations there are, the more shoeboxes Samaritan's Purse receives? For that reason, **Our Savior will be an official drop off location for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes**. We will have two hour drop off times every day from November 13-20. We will need your help.

- ★ We need people to greet and pray with those dropping off shoeboxes.
- ★ We will also need shoe box haulers and packers. All the shoeboxes we collect will need to be boxed up, loaded onto a trailer or truck and hauled to a warehouse in Plymouth, before they are delivered to Samaritan's Purse.



We are excited to serve our community and serve our God in this very tangible way with Samaritan's Purse and look forward to serving along side you.

Renae Hoernemann
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**Operation
Christmas Child**
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Now Hiring

1. **Building Operations**—If you would be interested in learning more about this FT position, please contact laurie.bromenshenkel@oslcs.org for a list of duties and a job description. 
2. **FT Toddler Teacher or Assistant Teacher**—9:30-5:30pm (per Minnesota Department of Health requirements). Lisa.Bowyer@oslcs.org
3. **PT Infant Room Aide**—M,W,F from 1:45-5:00pm (ish). Lisa.Bowyer@oslcs.org
4. **Substitute Teachers**—for both the Early Childhood Center & Extended Care. Lisa.Bowyer@oslcs.org 

Rally Day

This year Rally Day will mark the kick-off of our 100th Anniversary celebrations. We are excited to have lots of fun community building and fellowship after the service. Our outdoor worship will be held at 10:00am and then join us for a potluck lunch (chicken and dessert provided). Bring a salad or side dish to share. We will have a live band, bounce houses for the kids and games outside and bingo and even the Vikings game in the gym! Hope to see you there!

Summer Children's Ministry

We enjoyed an amazing week of **Day Camp** with the Camp Omega counselors in June! We had over **60 campers** and almost **2/3 of them were from our community!!** We were "Set Free" and the verse for the week was Psalm 118:5. We had a little over a dozen volunteers who helped make the week run smoothly.

Our **Vacation Bible School**, Hero Hotline, was enjoyed by all with singing, laughing and learning about how they can be Super Heroes for God! We are all special and God has given us unique gifts that we can use to serve Him. We included many Our Savior School students from both the Early Childhood Center and Extended Care. It was exciting to have them in our VBS along with so many other families from our community. We had over **120 kids**, ages 3-entering 5th grade this fall. We had nearly **40 volunteers** to help make this week a success! Many of our older youth stepped in and spent time with the little children and it made the week that much more special to see the mentoring from the youth to our littles!

A **special thanks to the volunteers** who gave of their time to be with the children this summer. These programs need a lot of volunteer support to make them successful and we can't do it without all of you! If you would like to hear more about either program to consider volunteering your time, I would love to share with you what we did and what support we need!



June 12-16, 2023
60 Campers, 12+ Volunteers

2023
DAY CAMP
HOSTED BY CAMP OMEGA



Prayer Ministry

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are urged by St. Paul to be a people in prayer for each other and our nation. In 1 Timothy 2:1, St. Paul writes, *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people."*

The Prayer Chain consists of many faithful prayer warriors who lift up concerns and praises to God. You are encouraged to email prayer requests to prayers@oslcs.org or fred.limmel@oslcs.org. If you want the requests to be included in the Sunday bulletin' prayers, please specifically request that.

A Time for Prayer continues each Thursday from 12:00-1:00pm. Anyone is welcome to join on Zoom as we specifically pray over the ministries of this church and its members. You can find the link on Church Center calendar or you can email Fred.Limmel@oslcs.org to get the link.

Prayer Vigils continue on the third Saturday of each month in the Sanctuary from 9-10:00am. Some people come for the entire hour and some come for 20 minutes. No matter, just come and follow the prayer prompts on the screen and join with us as we encourage one another in prayer.

Care Ministry

A new 13 week session of **GriefShare** will begin on Sunday, September 10 from 1:00-3:00pm. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to grieve alone. If you have questions, contact Lori Kroll or Lorraine Johnson. www.GriefShare.org

Care Ministry also includes offering meals to new parents, after a surgery or when other challenging situations arise. We will be searching for individuals interested in preparing meals for these occasions.

Cradle Roll has undergone some revisions for the fall of 2023 and yet its purpose remains the same; to support the parents of newborns as well as children being baptized. We are seeking a few individuals to work with the church office to assist in providing this special care.

Our **Quilters** are a dedicated group of women who meet twice a month on Thursdays to create beautiful quilts. Recipients feel the warmth and love that went into making them. You will usually see a quilt hanging in the Fellowship Hall that is for sale. The money earned assists them in the purchasing supplies to make more warm quilts. They are sent to a variety of missions locally, nationally and internationally.

Music Ministry

Our Savior is seeking people to share their musical talents. Please consider participating in one (or more) groups. Contact Pastor Fred at fred.limmel@oslcs.org if you are interested in learning more. We welcome new voices, ringers, and instrumentalists all the time. Join us as we make a beautiful sound to the Lord.

- ♫ Chimes meet Wednesday at 6:00pm in Room 207
- ♫ The Mixed Choir meets Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
- ♫ The Praise Team rehearses on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
- ♫ Instrumentalists/Vocalists—whether for the Praise Team or small ensembles of any kind, please let us know if you would like to participate.



Our Savior School

The Early Childhood Center had full classrooms throughout the summer. We were also blessed to have several staff join our team for the summer months. Shannon Aurich primarily worked in the Ducky. Riley Kelly worked in both Extended Care and several rooms through out the Early Childhood Center. CeCe Fandrey primarily worked in the Ducky Room. All three of these women have gone "back to school" (to work or to learn). Ally Terpstra joined us this summer and is continuing in the Whale Room. (Fun fact, she used to be a student here when she was little.) Several other staff have stepped up to fill in some little gaps in staffing at the beginning or ends of our days.

The Extended Care program was the fullest it has been in many years. Niki Einsmann joined the summer teaching staff in the afternoons. She has also gone "back to school" (to work). Sam Hays began working as an Aide and is continuing on in the school year several days a week, to support the number of children attending EC this school year.

Current OSS Enrollment

- ♦ Kola Infants: 7 (1 spot available until December comes)
- ♦ Ducky Toddlers: 16 (18 families on waitlist)
- ♦ Lamb (3-4 yr olds): 18 (13 families on waitlist)
- ♦ Whale (4-5 yr olds): 15 (5 spots available)
- ♦ Kindergarten: 8 (4 spots available)
- ♦ Extended Care (EC): 29 (1-2 spots available T-Th)

August 31 and September 1 we had training and prep days for our School staff. They were blessed with meals and snacks from several school families. After doing a little staff shifting and shuffling, our staff have now settled into their schedules nicely and had a great first day of school.

September	
3	Single 10:00am Holiday Worship Service
6	Choir Rehearsal (for Rally Day) 7:00pm
7	A Time for Prayer 12:00pm (Weekly) Online Bible Study 9:00pm (Weekly)
9	Women's "Get to Know You Event" 10:00am
10	100th Anniversary Rally Day Service, Potluck and Activities 10:00am GriefShare Session Begins 1:00pm 9th-12th Gr Elevate Youth Begins
11	The Messiah Bible Study Begins 3:30pm Cribbage 7:00pm
12	Women's Bible Study Begins 1:00pm Building Expansion Committee with Staff 6:00pm
13	Zoom Bible Study Begins 10:00am Music Rehearsals Begin 6:00pm Confirmation Teacher Meeting 6:00pm
14	Quilters Resume 9:00am
15	Men's Bible Study at Perkins Resumes 6:15am
16	Saturday Pickleball Resumes 8:00-11:00am (on select Saturdays) Prayer Vigil 9:00am
17	Youth Sunday Sunday School, Confirmation and Youth Bible Study begins
21	American Heritage Girls begins 6:30pm
23	Men's Breakfast Bible Study 8:00am
24	Jeff's Retirement Reception 9:15am 6th-12th Grade Special Event 12:30pm
29-Oct 1	6th-8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

October	
1	3rd Graders Receiving Bibles LWML Ministry Sunday 1st Adult Bible Study Begins 9:30am
7	Conference LWML Rally at St. John's in Chaska 9:00am Community Scrapbooking Event 9:00-9:00pm Hosted by the Youth
8	6th-8th Grade Woven Youth Begins 6:30pm
9	Cribbage 7:00pm
15	2nd Adult Bible Study Begins 9:30am Parent/Youth Bible Study Begins
21	Prayer Vigil 9:00am
22	Town Hall Meeting: 2024 Budget 9:30am No Sunday School, Confirmation or Bible Study
25	Sunday School Teacher Meeting/Supper 6:00pm
27	Trunk or Treat 5:00-7:00pm
28	Men's Breakfast Bible Study 8:00am



November	
4	Blood Drive 10:00-4:00pm
5	6th Grade First Communion 10:45am
11	Women's Sing Along at Shorewood Landing 10:00am
13-20	OCC Community Drop off Location at Our Savior
13	Cribbage 7:00pm
15	Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Event Supper at 5:30, Packing at 6:30pm
18	Men's Breakfast Bible Study 8:00am Prayer Vigil 9:00am
19	Single Worship Service at 10:00am Pancake Breakfast to follow Congregational Meeting at 12:00pm GriefShare Surviving the Holidays 2:30pm
22	Thanksgiving Eve Worship 6:30pm
24	Christmas Decorating 9:00am

December	
3	Women at "I'm Dreaming of a Looney Christmas" 1:00pm
6	Advent Worship 4:30 & 6:30pm
TBD	God's Guys Christmas Fellowship
11	Cribbage 7:00pm
13	Advent Worship 4:30 & 6:30pm
14	Early Childhood Center Christmas Program
16	Choir Practice 9:00am (Room 207) Prayer Vigil 9:00am
17	LWML Cookie Sale for Missions
19	Music Celebration Dress Rehearsal
20	Christmas Music Celebration 6:30pm
24	Single Holiday Worship Service 10:00am Christmas Eve Worship 3:00 & 5:00pm
25	Christmas Day Worship 10:00am
27	Blood Drive 1:00-7:00pm
30	Young Adult Christmas Get Together 6:00pm
31	Single Holiday Worship Service 10:00am