

# Mark Your Calendar!

- **Aug 12th President Beinke of our New England District LCMS** will host a meeting here at Our Savior Tuesday morning at 9am
- **Aug 14, 15, 16 SoulFest Outing**
- **Aug 21st Caring Team Ministries Supper** Elders, Card and Prayer Ministry Care and Connections *These 3 CARING ministry teams will do some planning and brainstorming about how to best to communicate and coordinate ministry efforts in the “Caring” part of our flock working together.*

**ANY Scheduling:** Please make sure ALL dates for any Ministry Activities, any Use of the Building, and Sunday Worship plans... ALL get communicated to Sara Hester at [office@oslcm.com](mailto:office@oslcm.com) for a master schedule. (as well as pictures... announcements... etc)

Serving	Aug 10th	Aug 17th
Announcements	Diane Herth	
Coffee Set Up	Cliff Petersohn	Gail Sullivan
Coffee Clean Up	John Herth	Gail Sullivan
Altar Care Set Up	N/A	Janice Leblanc
Altar Care Clean Up	N/A	Ann Nollet
Communion Servers	N/A	Gary Terhune Judy Terhune
Media Audio Media Advance Slides	Jessie Anderson Ellie Sienkiewicz	Tucker VanBrunt Sam Gustafson
Reader	Diane Herth	Jackie Gravell
Ushers	Adam Bonnette Sean Lovett Ryan Machain	Cliff Petersohn Frank Sienkiewicz Adam Bonnette
Kids Connection Worship: Teacher Assistant Teacher	Kerry Trunfio Audi Souza	Lynne Quinlan Marilyn Perry

Serving - Thank You for the Teamwork!



# Weekly News

Aug 10th

Being Disciples of Jesus Christ  
Growing in Faith, Love, Service, and Numbers

# A Big THANK YOU!

For all the teamwork... the kindness... the cooperation... ALL the moments either “with kids” or “behind the scenes” that YOU made this ministry of our church a priority in YOUR schedules.

Continue to pray about the impact of this years camp in local families lives. May the discussions about God, and the modeling of discipleship, and the memories of fun be lasting... and give good witness to our Lord



YOU... made a difference

**Confirmation Class today** there will no Adult Ed planned today as Pastor Nollet will be teaching Confirmation class Aug 10th and 24th after worship

**Fall Discipleship Groups:** we’re starting to make a schedule of Bible study/small groups offered this fall. Is anyone interested in opening up their home and hosting something new? Could be a short 4-6 program? You can just “host” the space... or be someone interested in “leading” a group. *Pray about it*

**Our Savior’s Softball Team:** has wrapped up the season. Thank You to Joel Trunfio for all the organizing, scheduling, and patient managing of players. You make a difference Joel. **Thanks.**

## MINISTRY NEWS

**SoulFest 2025 Greenfield MA Aug 14-17** We have a group of Youth and adults going to SoulFest again this year. **Keep the adventure in prayer.**

**Ministry Fair: LOOK for a** “Ministry Fair” at the end of the Summer “season”. We’ll be giving you the chance to sign up for “serving roles”. Pray now about possibly switching your role and trying a new fit . Dates TBA!

**Operation Christmas Child Shoe-Boxes:** Continues to collect... you can **drop off** school supplies; crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, kids scissors, markers, stickers, marbles, and toothbrushes (see Diana Campbell) up at teh collection area in the Loft

**Usher Scheduling** There are now 3 ushers scheduled for Sundays. For safety reasons when 2 ushers are busy with offering or communion a 3rd person is still “on duty” as host and able to watch the lobby and front.

**Sermon Series “Bumper”** thanks to Heidi Reasor for creating the short Sermon Series Video “Bumper”. These are helpful media content to be able to display on Facebook, our website, and in mailings besides our worship. Thanks Heidi

**Bridge Ministry Blessing Boxes:** Fall semester for all of our college students is fast approaching and the Bridge Ministry is going to be collecting items again for our Blessing Boxes to hand out at the Gordon Church Fair. This year we have decided to use the “Giving Tree” idea again so you can sign out specific items that we need to put into our Blessing Boxes. Thank you in advance for how you continue to care for, and stay connected with our young adults. Please know that your efforts are helping us build a “Bridge” so that they can stay connected to fellow believers. All items will need to be back to church by **August 24th**, so we can pack the boxes for the Gordon Church Fair.

*Thank you in advance, The Bridge Ministry*

**Catechesis and You:** Note the short “catechism moments” in the worship guide. Catechesis just refers to “teaching the faith”. This is a life long adventure for ALL disciples of Jesus. How have you grown in Bible awareness this past year? What things do you plan in to “grow” in the days ahead? Explore some of the “learning resources” right on our web site!

## The Direction of Lutheran Worship is different

*Yes... it matters. The actual and real differences in Christian denominations gets played out not only in approaches to the Sacraments but quite significantly in worship.*

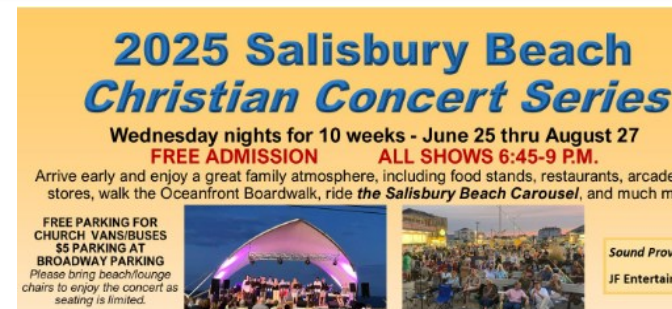
The direction of worship in Lutheran theology is different. In other Christian circles you might hear of worship as “giving glory to God”, “bringing our best to praise Him”, or coming to be quiet, separated away, and adore Him.

**Consider our Lutheran theology as characterized by the “direction” of worship. The emphasis in Lutheran worship is that God serves us. The focus is on what God brings to feed us.**

SO... our “Worship” is fundamentally about God's actions. The rhythm is described as “Our Lord speaks, and we listen”. The liturgy is initiated with God’s Word coming towards His people. Throughout worship He serves us with His Word and Sacrament. The practices of worship are careful not to shift towards a human focus. Differences in the basic theology of denominations (*how our relationship with Christ works*) come out in differences in worship practices.... such as the wording of prayers, use and purpose of music, goal of the sermon, and notably in communion practices.

If you encounter another denominations written materials, or see different practices... take note of some differences. Our goal in Lutheran Worship is not to create other worldly experiences, not to elevate ourselves to encounter the Spirit, not to make a decision for Christ... it is to let Him feed us. We retell His story, we speak back to Him words He has given us, and we let our hearts get refreshed and renewed through His Word and Sacrament. This is all done in a group setting with others. This communal activity is an important part of our personal walk as disciples of Jesus. “Others”... is where love, forgiveness, support, patience, and encouragement get played out and experienced.

**Worship is healthy...** and an appreciation of the “why” and “how” of our worship experience involves an understanding of the “direction of worship”, as well as a strong loving consideration of the efforts for the Good News being connected into the lives of the “others that God has plunked us together with to be His Church. *Love, Pastor Joe*



There is a Wednesday night concert series at **Salisbury Beach** till the end of August <sup>3</sup>

6:30-9 P.M in August