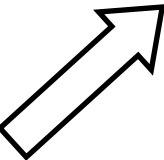


Mark Your Calendar!

- Aug 14, 15, 16 SoulFest Outing
- Aug 21st Caring Team Ministries Supper 6pm Elders, Card and Prayer Ministry, Care and Connections These three groups visit, contact, and send cards to people. We'll be doing some brainstorming about how to best to communicate and coordinate these ministry efforts that touch lives in our flock. Thus enabling these ministries to compliment and best work together.

ANY Scheduling: Please make sure ALL dates for any Ministry Activities, any Use of the Building, setting up a table in the lobby, Mission Sundays, and any Sunday Worship plans... ALL get communicated to Sara Hester at office@oslcm.com for a master schedule. (as well as pictures... announcements... etc) Thank you! Sara is organizing us with a master calendar!



Serving - Thank You for the Teamwork!	Serving	Aug 17th	
	Announcements		Pastor Joe
	Coffee Set Up		Gail Sullivan
	Coffee Clean Up		Gail Sullivan
	Altar Care Set Up		Janice Leblanc
	Altar Care Clean Up		Ann Nollet
	Communion Servers		Gary Terhune Judy Terhune
	Media Audio Media Advance Slides		Tucker VanBrunt Sam Gustafson
	Reader		Jackie Gravell
	Ushers		Cliff Petersohn Frank Sienkiewicz Adam Bonnette
	Kids Connection Worship: Teacher Assistant Teacher		Lynne Quinlan Marilyn Perry



Weekly News

Aug 17th

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

Intentionally Being a “Bridge” during special years...

Our Bridge Ministry intentionally focuses on those unique first years for a young person away from home, and possibly of a church home.

This ministry finds ways to make connections, show caring, and hopefully impact the faith walk of a young person. Besides our “Care Packages” to our own church family away at school or work, there is a connection to Gordon College right nearby.

Gordon Church Fair: 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, The Bridge Ministry

Ministry Fair: LOOK for a “Ministry Fair” after worship on Sundays Aug 31st and September 7th

We’ll have tables out for exploring your interest in ministries... Find out more about local missions, or Youth group, Kids Connection, handbells, coffee ministry, media booth, altar set-up... There are many ways to be involved in the ministry life of your church home.

Being a member of Our Savior means actively being a part of the functioning of ministries and programs... you are an important part of the adventure.

Look for the “Tables” on these two Sundays. You can sign up for ministries and Worship “serving roles”. Been doing something for years?... Pray now about possibly switching your role and trying a new fit .

(There are no volunteers in a church home... just members being a team)

MINISTRY NEWS - Bits and Pieces

SoulFest 2025 Greenfield MA Aug 14-17

We have a group of Youth and adults at Soulfest right now! Keep the adventure in prayer.

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

The last summer Unity Services is Aug 31st - back to 2 services Sept 7th

Temperature in the pews: It seems keeping the glass doors closed when not in use is helping the temperature issue a lot.

A "Pre-Season Training Session" and Supper (to train for all roles for Sunday ministries) will be Sept 10th Wed (*with a children's fun program) Supper: 5:45- 6:15 Training Session for all roles: 6:15 - 6:45 (plus children's program. *same time structure as Midweek Connect) then... A closing Group Prayer... and in the car on the way home before 7pm. The goal is to walk through all the roles of worship and help train anyone interested in learning. Possibly you’d like to try a new ministry this year... well this is the night to learn the role!

Supper... Fellowship... and Ministry Training ! Plan ahead.

Madagascar Mission Trip Supplies—
Drop off is at the “Missions display” under the TV

Music

Today’s Worship: Thank you to baritone soloist John Fortado and duet partner Audi Souza

Music Ministry Cookout. Thurs Sept 4 5-7 pm All families of Choir, Bell Ringers, and Praise Band are invited

Hosted by Scott and Paula Deffer 204 Hale Street, Beverly 2

Security Preparedness, Awareness, and Training. Sept 6th

Leadership has recently met to discuss safety and security at our church. Due to our ever changing world and national events (e.g. Kentucky, Texas) we felt it was appropriate to take a proactive approach by implementing some changes as well as offering some professional training.

Pastor Joe has reached out to other churches to see how they have been handling safety and we have also contacted a consulting company called Krisis. You can read more about Krisis and Dr. Dan Fitzsimons here: <https://krisisne.org/about>.

Dan will be coming to our church on Saturday, September 6th for an all day training, review of our current premises and recommendations for improvements.

This training will be open to anyone in the congregation who'd like to attend. We encourage all to attend if able. The more people who receive this training the more prepared we can all be.

What: Professional Security Training and Non-Security Training (CPR, basic first aid, etc)

When: Saturday, September 6th, 2025

Time: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

8 hours for people interested in security (includes CPR, first aid)

3 hours for non-security training

Who: Dr. Dan Fitzsimons - <https://krisisne.org>

Cost: Free to anyone in the congregation

Cost to OSLC: \$1,000

Lunch provided.... Look for the sign up on the kiosk (next week) to try and get a handle on #'s in attendance.

Finance Report that was emailed Friday:

The Shepherd Leaders want to provide you with some financial updates. As a reminder, our fiscal year goes from July 1st to June 30th. The numbers below show the approved budget, giving and expenses for FY2024/25 (last year).

Approved Budget: \$548,650

Giving: \$551,742

Expenses: \$576,596

Some of the cost increases from last year include: snow/ice removal, heating gas for the church, insurance and the replacement of the H2O tank at the parsonage.

Thank you.... Every year we function solely thru God blessing us. Our church home does ministry through your stewardship efforts as a disciple of Jesus. These numbers reflect our efforts to carry out the mission and vision of Our Savior Lutheran Church.