



# OUR SAVIOR'S VOICE

## MAY 2024

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8am Wednesday

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### *New Member Sunday*

May 5, 2024

9am Worship

Reception following



### *Pasty Bake*

May 9, 2024

Call the office to order  
218-263-7422

### *Senior Recognition*

May 19, 2024

9am Worship

Reception following

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OSLC Children's Clothes Closet  
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OSLC Food Shelf  
Wednesday & Friday, 1pm – 2.30pm

### *BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, and PASTORAL CARE*

Please contact the church office to schedule a Baptism or Wedding in advance. If you are seeking Pastoral Care for yourself or a loved one, please contact the church office to set up an appointment

## ***Bringing Our Daughter (and Son-in-Law!) Back Home!***

For close to four years our daughter, Hannah, and our son-in-law, Pat have been "exiled" out in Utah, first in the desert city of St. George, and then in Salt Lake City.

Perhaps the term "exile" is a little strong to describe their residency in the Beehive State, but that is what it has felt like as our daughter has been working endless shifts as an ICU/ER nurse, while our son-in-law has been going to medical school (*and doing quite well I might add!*) at Rocky Vista University.

Sandi and I can count on one hand the times we have seen our adult children since their departure in the summer of 2020 (*in the midst of Covid remember*). Yes, skype and zoom are wonderful technologies, but they are a poor substitute for giving them both a big hug, and smelling my Hannah Dew's curly blond hair (*Yes, I will call her "Hannah Dew" till the day I die!*).

But soon they will be coming home! Home, as in Duluth, Minnesota, where Pat will begin his residency at St. Mary's/Essentia Hospital, and Hannah will be employed as an ICU nurse at St. Mary's as well.

It's hard to say when, and how, God answers our prayers. But needless to say, Sandi and I are overjoyed that Hannah & Pat have found excellent rental housing in Duluth (*hard to find!*), and that they both will be receiving substantial bumps in their personal income, and that they will have their moving expenses paid for, and above all, they will be LESS THAN AN HOUR AND A HALF AWAY!

Speaking of their move, at the end of May I will be taking a one-way flight out to Salt Lake City so that I can help the two of them move sharing the driving between their two vehicles the 1,400 miles from Salt Lake City to Duluth. I am SO LOOKING FORWARD to 21 hours in the car, two-days travel, to get caught up with the two of them!

And when we are not talking about their challenges and hopes for the future, I will personally be reliving all of the milestones that have brought my little Hannah Dew up to this point: her graduation from story-hour preschool before kindergarten, the day she graduated from high school, her trip down the graduation line at St. Olaf, and her wedding day on the shores of Lake Superior, all of which took place in late May, early June, the same time I will be assisting her move across the mountains and plains of this great country to the land of 10 trillion mosquitoes!

The month of May has a way of doing that to us; getting us all sentimental over transitions, graduations, milestones, leaving the nest, and if we're lucky, having them return back home again, however brief, and however we define the word *home*.

Science fiction writer, Pierce Brown reminds us: "*Home isn't where you're from, it's where you find light when all grows dark.*" Ultimately home is not so much a place as it is a relationship, and if that is the case, then my Hannah Dew, and my son-in-law, Pat, have never really left! In John chapter 14 Jesus promises that our heavenly home is being prepared, for sure, but just so, through Christ we are united under the same roof right here and now as well.

If I have waxed and waned a little bit too nostalgic for your taste, I ask for your forgiveness. But I am pretty sure that many of you in our Our Savior's family can relate to this sentiment, that it is with both joy and sorrow that we give our children both roots and wings; we want them to stay, however, if need be, they need to take flight.

And as much as I have held my own pity party the past four years, I know that many of you have seen your loved ones even less, and are separated not only by miles but by continents. To this I can only offer the consolation that I myself need to hear, time and space may separate us, but the love of Christ will always bind us. For Christians there is no *distance*, we might be separated by area code, but there is no distance. And regardless of how far we long for those with whom space separates us, the promise rings true from Romans chapter eight: "*nothing in all creation separates us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*"

God bless and be well!      Pastor Kevin

We've changed our meeting date to the **THIRD** Thursday in May (May 16<sup>th</sup>) due to pasties being baked on our regularly scheduled date.



In May we will discuss "Compassionate Companions", a subject we seldom share regarding mental health and mental illness, including depression.

More than 20% of our population lives with diagnosed mental illness.

The Bible often mentions mental issues as "demonic possession" and we welcome your insight and support as we attempt to share our feelings about this topic.

All are welcome. Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

We will have extra copies available.      SueStan



### Pastoral Acts

Funeral      April 20      Lowell Stagg

### Baptism

March 31<sup>st</sup>      Violet Renee Fish

### Happy Birthday

May	5	Elaine Bexell
	15	Audrey Hill
	15	Penni Tingstad
	21	Carol Boben
	29	Arnold Ronne
	31	Betty Kilen

### Anniversaries

May	5	Tom & Nancy Sampson
	17	Bill & Lloydine Pietila

**2024 Missionary for a Day Calendar** to date has received \$1,000.

During March and April gifts were received:

In memory of Kathie (Larson) Allen

From Sharon & Mitch Cook in celebration of the birthdays of Jeri H., "Kitty",  
Annie D., and Wendi P.

In memory of Fred Fawkes

In honor of our missionaries, Steven & Bethany Friberg

In celebration of Doug Hanson's Birthday

In memory of Jon Mangseth

In honor of Rudberg family birthday's

In memory of Donna Schmelzer

In memory of Lowell Stagg

Thank you for your generous support of our missionary, Dr. Friberg in Tanzania.

Any time is a good time to sign up and contribute to the *Missionary for a Day Calendar*.

A gift of \$10 in memory or honor of a special friend or loved one will support our missionary for one day. Dr. Friberg's work in Tanzania is very important and you can be a part of it!



### **Pasty Bake**

**Order your pasties now!!!!** Call the office at 218-263-7422 to make sure you are on the list. Pick up is on May 9<sup>th</sup> between 11am and 4pm, \$9.00 each. If you would like to volunteer, we could use you help on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Senior Recognition 2024***

We will be honoring our graduating seniors during worship on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for coffee and conversation afterwards in the fellowship hall.





## *Musical Notes*

Each month when I write the articles for “The VOICE” I use the previous years offering to use as a template. When I do so I discover why many people keep journals. Last year when writing the article, we were hit with 7 inches of snow. That makes me think about the very fickle winter we have experienced. The other thing that I discovered is that we sang this same anthem in May. On May 5<sup>th</sup> the Temple Choir will sing “O God, I Offer Thanks to Thee” with music composed by Beethoven and arranged by T. Charles Lee. Beethoven wrote six songs in this collection. The selection we sing is the first in Beethoven’s Opus 48 and has the title of “Plea.” The other titles in the song collection are ‘Love of one’s neighbor’, ‘On death’, ‘The glory of God in nature’ and ‘God is my song.’ The music is profound and wonderful to sing. This collection of six songs reveals much about Beethoven.

Next, on May 19<sup>th</sup> we will finish our year with two selections from the Handbell Choir and one by the Temple Choir. The handbells will perform “Softly and Tenderly” by Kevin McChesney and “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” arranged by Douglas Wagner. The handbell selections will be familiar to many of you. I can only imagine that many of you will have the words in your thoughts as we play. The Temple Choir will sing a beautiful spiritual “There is a Balm in Gilead” arranged by Theron Kirk with the solo part being sung by Susan Rudberg. I love the second verse the states, “If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul you can tell the love of Jesus, And say “He, died for all.’ Sometimes we believe that we require many words to profess our faith to others, but that is just not true, for to say “He died for all” is enough. In that very spirit, I have to say that ‘I have said enough.’ Thank you for supporting the music ministry here at OSLC!

*Roy*



***It's great to be alive in God's great northwoods!***

**OSLC will pay for your camp experience!**

Register online.

Go to: **VLMcamps.org**

Click on the green button in the top right-hand corner-it says  
“REGISTER”

Scroll down to “Summer Schedule & Fees” Follow the process

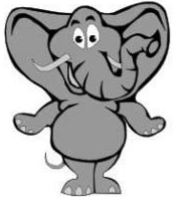
In the registration process, when it asks about payment,  
if it says anything about “transfer code,” type **SLC501**

Join Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermillion as we prepare the camps for another year of summer camp.

Camp Hiawatha – May 4<sup>th</sup>

Camp Vermillion – May 11<sup>th</sup>

Starting @ 8:30am for as long as you are able  
Breakfast and lunch included



## 2024 *White Elephant Sale*

Thank you! The White Elephant Sale was as exciting and exhausting as every previous sale and we could not have done it without everyone pitching in and helping out. The planning committee thanks each and every one of you and hopes you had as much fun as they did planning and working together as a church family!

### *New Members*

We will be welcoming our new members during worship on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for coffee and great conversation following in the Fellowship Hall.

### ***News from the Mission Action Committee***

The Mission Action Committee would like to thank anyone who donated money towards the Advent Project which was the new homeless shelter called Home On The Range. We received \$450.00 and we spent some right away on toiletries etc. A lot of new and used donated items were already taken over there in January. We recently spent most of the remaining funds on items they requested like sheets, pillows, and mens' and womens' underwear.

Thank you Thank you Thank you  
Thanks be to God!!!!

### ***Memorial Day Remembrance***

***Special Guest Speaker for Worship: Mr. Steve Potts, Instructor  
Sunday, May 26, 9 a.m. Worship Service***

Mr. Potts is a published author and History instructor at Minnesota North College - Hibbing.

Memorial Day honors the United States of America's military men and women who have lost their lives in service to our country; and as we are all well aware, the holiday is observed on the last Monday of May. A scripture text often quoted from Jesus that summarizes the sentiment of Memorial Day comes to us from John 15:13: "*Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.*" Although Memorial Day is a civic holiday and recognition, it can certainly be acknowledged as a part of Christian worship, where further healing is petitioned for those who grieve the war fallen from life in a fallen world. The Prophet Micah prays for the day when...  
*Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.*  
(Micah 4:3)

To honor those who have fallen, and to pray for those who grieve, and to work for fuller healing from the aftermath of war, we have invited Mr. Steve Potts to be our guest speaker for our Memorial Day observance on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. (our normal Sunday worship time). A scholar and historian, Mr. Potts has a unique interest and advocacy for those who have been scarred by the effects of war, and how Memorial Day can assuage war's pain.

***The Last Day of Confirmation Celebration Picnic***

## ***Fishing Outing @ Carey Lake***

***Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.***

It has been a great joy to gather our 7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> Graders this past year for Confirmation instruction on Wednesday evenings! The fun, fellowship, respect, and yes, growing deeper in our Christian faith, has been a blast! Our Confirmands have shown great maturity not only in how they treat one another in class, but also in the leadership they have shown in presiding over our mid-week Lenten services, and other acts of service in our congregation. Our Confirmands have been a blessing to each other most recently in a week-end retreat at Camp Vermilion, where they discovered that they are *lovable, capable, and forgivable*.

Now to close the year, for our last "day of class" we will gather out at Carey Lake to do our own version of "*fishing for souls*" out at the Carey Lake fishing pier. All Confirmands please note to:

- We will meet out at the Carey Lake fishing pier/picnic area at **6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** (an hour earlier than we would normally meet), to have some fun fishing!
- **Bring fishing gear if you have it**, otherwise a fishing rod will be provided (bait too!). For those who are 16 remember to buy a fishing license.
- **Assuming we catch some fish**, we will clean 'em and fry 'em up; otherwise a hotdog picnic lunch will be provided!
- **Other outdoor fellowship games** are also on the agenda.
- **The evening will come to an end at 8:15 p.m.** the normal time that Confirmation ends.

This should be a fun and memorable way to cap of the year! Come one, come all. Questions? Contact Pastor Kevin (P.K.) at (651)332-1528.

***Confirmation News*** - Thank You to All the Youthful Families that helped at the White Elephant Sale! Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - If you did not receive your Bible please contact Cindy in the church office, 218-263-7422
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade - Hope your family is able to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Fun Evening, date to be determined.  
Participation project: Volunteer to straighten pew racks
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade - We welcome to the Lord's Table, Owen Lubben and Evan Ronning!  
Participation: Volunteer to deliver a devotional
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade - We will study the Lord's Prayer together in the spring.  
Participation: Acolyte throughout the year as scheduled
- 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades - Hope many of you enjoyed an afternoon of archery.  
Participation: 10 sermon notes, 10 hours of service each school year, Acolyte as scheduled, please let Cindy know when you are available

## *Council Meeting Highlights* (April 21, 2024)

- OSLC-Hibbing will become a Pollinator Sanctuary Congregation.
- If any Committee needs money please submit a request to the Foundation Committee
- Confirmands will meet at Carey Lake on **May 15th** to go fishing. Looking for canoes and people to help
- Senior Recognition will be held **May 19th**. 12-13 quilts will be presented
- WES prep is coming along
- New Member Sunday is **May 5th**
- Pastor Kevin wants to address our benevolence to the Synod at June meeting
- Next Organ meeting will be **May 16th** at 6pm to discuss long range planning
- PK provided an update on Administrative Assistant position
- We are moving forward with SAS. First set up meeting will be **May 9th**

## *OSLCW*

By the time you read this we will have "survived" another White Elephant sale and have stories to tell about what sold or didn't, those good sloppy joes, and encountered all kinds of people and attitudes! Congrats on a job well done!

Now we turn to pasties on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. On the 8<sup>th</sup> is prep day with potato and carrot peeling and the making and sheeting of 400 pieces of dough. Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. the filling of the dough and baking will begin. The price for a pasty is \$9.00 as the price of especially the meat has gone up. We promise NO coarse ground pepper this time! Pasties are by order only and can be picked up from 11a.m. til 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall. As usual we need volunteers for the prep day and baking day. Questions call Sue Schock 218-929-1892.

Quilting ladies on Monday are diligently working on quilts for the high school seniors of our church. This year we are trying to theme them specifically to what a student's interest may have been in school. We know we will not be perfect in this, but thanks to Jamie Trenberth and Melinda Ruzich we have a pretty good idea of activities these young people have been involved in. Come on May 19<sup>th</sup> to church and coffee and see these great young people.

Our mission quilting will continue thru June and take a break for July. We have about 100 quilts on hand plus have given 75 locally already this year. Also, Project Linus has received 36 various children size quilts and we have about 10 more on hand to bring to Duluth at some point. We will be needing to purchase batting at the cost with shipping of about \$130.00 per 60 yard roll. We use about 10-12 rolls per year! We are able to get about 25 quilt batts per roll.

Enjoy May and pray we have rain enough for no fires and a great opening to fishing season—no worries about ice out this year!

As we sow so shall we reap. We shall bloom where we are planted.

God's blessings

Sue Schock,, OSLCW co-chair



**Our Savior's Columbarium** is a place of peace, solitude, and prayer restoring the ancient practice of church burial. If you would like to learn more about the columbarium, please make an appointment with Cindy in the church office, 218-263-7422

## *Organ Refurbishment Update*

It is Spring! and the Organ Steering Committee will be meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> to finalize plans for clearing out the balcony in preparation for removing the organ. Volunteers will be needed to help with this process. Here is a general outline:

- The clearing out process will begin in May after the choir is done for the summer. A room in the Education Wing is expected to be used for storing items throughout the rebuilding process.
- The music currently stored in the music storage area (former Crying Room) will be packed up and moved. The filing cabinets from that area will be removed and are anticipated to be repurposed for the church office. (The filing cabinets will eventually be replaced with units specifically designed for storing choral music.)
- The wooden cabinet in the hall at the top of the balcony steps will be removed (this cabinet is no longer needed).
- June will be the time to tackle the larger items from the balcony, such as the piano, audio-video equipment and chairs. The AV equipment will be reinstalled in the Narthex area, so livestreaming of our services can be continued throughout the refurbishing process.
- By the end of June, only the organ console will remain in the balcony. The console will be removed when our organ contractor (R.W. Draeger & Co.) arrives in July.
- Prior to Draeger's arrival, a new access to the organ chamber will be opened to facilitate removing the pipes.
- A temporary replacement organ will be set up and functional in the front of the sanctuary.

Russell Draeger will be in Hibbing in May (to tune the HHS organ for graduation). At that time, Roy Berg will discuss further details with him, including the finish color for the organ console (the tone in the woods throughout the church varies quite a bit; we will focus on the wood in the balcony). The committee also hopes to finalize selection of the fabric screening for the organ chamber.

We are getting excited about this project! Please feel free to reach out with any questions or to volunteer to help with cleaning out the balcony.  
Thank you in advance! Co-Chairs Roy Berg and Julie Jordan

Happy  Mother's Day