

# OUR SAVIOR'S VOICE

## July 2024

A COMMUNITY TRANSFORMED BY CHRIST TO BE CHRIST IN THE WORLD

### *WORSHIP WITH US*

Join us on Sunday at 9am

Our services are live-streamed on Facebook and available for replay at any time on YouTube.

Hibbing Public Access TV Channel 805  
6pm Tuesday  
8am Wednesday

Summer radio broadcast is at 9am.



Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July

### *Sharik/Farseth Scholarship*

applications are being accepted -  
deadline is August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Applications available in the office, via  
mail or e-mail [oslchibb@mchsi.com](mailto:oslchibb@mchsi.com).

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Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday 9am – 3pm



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### *COME FIND OUT ABOUT...*

Local and Global Missions

Opportunities: Temple Choir,  
Worship Band, Handbells, Quilting,  
Adult Bible Study, First Communion,  
Confirmation, Assist with Worship,  
VLM Bible Camp, Vacation Bible School,  
White Elephant Sale, & much MORE!

OSLC Children's Clothes Closet

By Appointment

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

## *The “Organ Trail”*

Well, we are in the midst of it! The first of many steps for the organ restoration project in the balcony at Our Savior’s are now in front of us!

As you come to worship, beginning this month in July, you will see a large “umbilical cord” of safely wrapped electrical conduit hanging from the church balcony down to the back of the church. This functional – but unsightly – life-line will provide power for the livestream camera and the soundboard which has now been relocated from the balcony to the back narthex of the church.

Moreover, for the foreseeable future our church balcony will look more like a construction site than an inviting loft that has housed our church choir and church music. But by the grace of God, it will all be worth it!

Following Roy Berg’s example and propensity for puns, I have labeled our organ restoration project “The Organ Trail.” No, our organ project IS NOT a 2,000-mile arduous route snaking through Missouri into Oregon, BUT THERE WILL BE DAYS in the weeks and months ahead when it might feel that way!

Biblically, another metaphor that we could muse on might be the children of Israel wandering through the desert wilderness to get to the Promised Land. By the grace of God EVERYTHING was provided for the Israelites as God lead them on their journey, all the Israelites needed to do was TRUST God and PROCEED FORWARD.

Compared to the pioneers on the Oregon Trail, or the Israelites wandering in the desert wilderness, our challenges with our *organ trail* will be relatively minor. But God will still provide the manna!

We are grateful to God for responsible contractors who will provide the appropriate containment of dust, and construction debris, so that we can have a clean worship sanctuary from week-to-week.

We are grateful to God for a very competent organ refurbishing company, R.W. Draeger & Co., who will provide world class re-construction for our organ which will last for generations yet to come.

We are grateful to God for the full financial funding of this project through the generosity of so many at Our Savior’s. A budgeting that is inclusive NOT only for the estimated construction BUT also for cost overruns. And above all we are grateful for a faithful and dedicated Organ Refurbishing Committee who have scheduled, and planned carefully, for multiple contractors to come and do the work that will be required in the weeks and months ahead.

Some predictable challenges as we journey on our *organ trail* may be supply chain issues, delays in ordering materials, and other construction snafus. And yes, we will miss our pipe organ as we substitute it with the piano and electric organ. But these intentional sacrifices will allow us to appreciate a fully restored pipe organ when that becomes a reality!

History records that it took four to six months for pioneers to journey the Oregon Trail. We are hopeful that our *organ trail* might be concluded by Easter of 2025 (nine months), but it could take also be a little over a year as well; time will tell. But together we look forward to the day when we will be accompanied by our new organ with the tune...

***Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,  
The path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.  
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,  
Then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.***  
(ELW, #326)

God bless & be well!

Pastor Kevin

### **Sunday, July 21 *Public Recognition of the Elanor Louise Olson***

Well, we're going to do it again! Another Olson Family Grandchild Baptism at the Echo River on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> (ye old hunting shack!) followed by a public recognition of performed Baptism the following day for Sunday morning worship on July 21<sup>st</sup>. We did this a few years back with James Clinton, and now we look forward to doing this with our Granddaughter, Elanor Louise Olson. On a personal note, SANDI AND I INVITE YOU ALL TO BE IN ATTENDANCE WITH US TO HELP CELEBRATE THIS PRECIOUS EVENT. All of the meaningful prayers, vows, and holy ritual will still be celebrated at this service, it will just be noted that the blessings of the baptismal sacrament were done a day earlier. **Of course a wonderful coffee hour, complete with cake, will be hosted afterwards.**

### ***Our Savior's & Wesley United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School*** **Theme: "Teach Us to Pray..."**

***Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>***  
***From 5 to 7:30 p.m.***

Once again, we at Our Savior's, and our Wesleyan United Methodist brothers & sisters in the faith, will combine our spiritual gifts and resources to host another Vacation Bible School experience here on the church grounds at Our Savior's (see the poster and registration form in this month's July VOICE). The theme this year, "Teach Us to Pray", revolves around the Lord's Prayer, and each evening's lesson will focus on one of the petitions from the Lord's Prayer. Beginning at 5 p.m. a light family meal will be served, followed by lessons, crafts, games, music, and learning how to "sign" the Lord's Prayer. Children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to come. PLEASE GET THE WORD OUT AND HELP PROMOTE this event to all of those with whom you have influence! Many of us do not have children of this age in our immediate household, but grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and children from the neighborhood are certainly welcome to attend!

## Happy Birthday

July	3	Yvonne Jopke
	11	Richard Moyer
	18	Mavis Myrum
	20	Marjorie Happonen
	31	Shirley Von Alman



Best wishes to Os & Sue Schock who will be celebrating their 59<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 4<sup>th</sup>. *Congratulations!!*

Best wishes to Jack & Cindy Lund who will be celebrating their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 5<sup>th</sup>. *Congratulations!!*

## **Organ Refurbishment Update**

*The project has begun in earnest!*

With the help of many volunteers, the entire balcony has been cleared out of most items. You have probably noticed all the camera and sound equipment has been set up in the Narthex, and we broadcast our first service from there on June 23. The piano will be removed after the Organs in Review Variety Program at OSLC on June 26 and access to the pipe chamber will be created.

Russell Draeger will arrive on July 8. He and his crew will remove the old organ console. *Please Note: Help is needed on **July 11** for removing wind chests from the pipe chamber.* Contact Roy Berg if you can help.

Pipe removal itself will be done by the Draeger crew and take 2-3 weeks. The pipes will be stored in a long, enclosed trailer and a box truck, to be parked on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, adjacent to the west side of the church. The city has granted permission for Draeger to park this trailer and box truck for the 2-3 weeks in July needed for pipe removal.

The balcony will be off-limits to general traffic for the duration of the project. We will continue to provide updates as the project progresses. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out with any questions. Thanks!

*The Organ Committee*



Pollinators are endangered by the loss of natural habitat. We need them and they need us. Join the Plot!

OSLC is on our way to becoming one of 50 congregations in the NE Synod that have joined the EcoFaith Network Pollinator Project.

The goal is to provide healthy habitat for all pollinators like butterflies and bees.

OSLC Pollinator Project Committee is now in the building stage forming ideas and plans. The committee needs

and welcomes participation from all ages.

Please consider contributing ideas and/or occasional physical labor (shovels).

"God wants a flourishing creation. We are the hands and now is the time. "

Please contact and leave a message:

Helen Thran

218-262-3974

Jennifer Lipke

218 263-6927

### *Council Meeting Highlights* (June 18, 2024)

- Pipe Organ timeline and construction
- New Administration personnel
- Finish Church Directory
- Stewardship for All Seasons, next steps
- Synod Benevolence revisited
- Vacation Bible School
- Church security



*2024 Missionary for a Day Calendar* to date has received \$1,690. During June gifts were received:

In memory of Lois Bonacci

From Sharon & Mitch Cook in celebration of Kevin D.'s Birthday

From Mark & Judy Johnson

From Pastor Kevin & Sandi Olson

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!

## Confirmation News: -

Wishing Everyone an Enjoyable Summer!

Summer is a good time for those entering 8<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> grade to complete sermon notes and serve their neighbor.

May all students and their families find time to enjoy God's creation, stay safe and remember others in prayer.



## OSLCW

Quilting is taking a short break for the month of July. We will resume again on August 19<sup>th</sup>. In June, we sent 107 quilts to Lutheran World Relief at the annual ingathering at the Synod Women's Assembly. Also sent 108 school kits. Two large boxes of medical supplies and equipment were also sent to Global Health Ministries in Minneapolis on this truck. Gifts to the Salvation Army, the Hibbing Homeless Shelter, Lost Shepherd ministries, to the Catholic Church in honor of quilting group members who died, our church high school seniors, three to charitable group auctions, one to the churchwide Synod Assembly and a few were sold.

As women of the church, we are wondering how to get more interest in group Bible Studies and just good old fashioned social time. I realize times and priorities have changed regarding involvement in the church. For our grandmothers, great-grandmothers and even mothers this was a social time as well as Bible study for them to gather with other women of their church. What would interest you younger women in participating in some activities in the church? This does not mean a lifetime commitment, just fellowship. Once when I switched circle groups because of commitments a person said to me "great we have another worker". I almost left that group immediately! Most of us now in the 65+ age group have juggled work, kids events, illnesses, etc. but found church to be a place where we were welcome and appreciated for what we could offer at a given time. Yes, kids make noise in church—mine did! Had one that would throw her shoes at people—no shoes during church for awhile! Another snuck up to play around the altar railing with another child during the sermon! Ossie and I survived and now can chuckle at these things. Have a great summer and hope to see some of you during Bible School. Sue Schock OSLCW co-chair

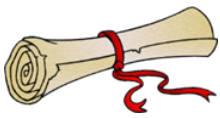


## Women's Gather Summer Bible Study

Our summer study begins with a challenge. We all are aware that we live in a time of great uncertainty and the first session focuses on Curiosity. I think this study will attempt to open our eyes to the rapid changes we see in our lives and how we react to them. We love stability and knowing what to expect, but we find that is seldom the case in today's life.

We will continue our study on July 11....same time, 10am, in the fellowship hall. All are welcome.

If you can possibly attend our meetings, please do so. We don't expect anyone to be an expert on Biblical studies, or even be in any way familiar with scripture. We read and talk...and enjoy tea or coffee and maybe even a cookie or two. Curious? Come and see! SueStan



*Sharik/Farseth Scholarship* applications are being accepted - deadline is August 31<sup>st</sup>. Our selection criteria would include the following: Member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church; must have completed 1 year (minimum of 30 credits) of post-secondary education within the past 3 years (include transcript); volunteer activities in school, church and community and, academic performance. Applications available in the office, via mail or e-mail [olschibb@mchsi.com](mailto:olschibb@mchsi.com) .

### *Worship in the Park!*



### *Worship in the Park -*

This Summer we will be worshipping at Bennett Park, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Wesley United Methodist Churches will be co-worshipping at 9 am. Please remember to bring your own lawn chair and umbrella (rain or shine). The Worship Band will be playing.

### *Administrative Assistant position is available!!*

If you know of anyone who is interested in applying for this position, please send your resume' to OSLC, 501 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Hibbing, MN 55746 or email it to [olschibb@mchsi.com](mailto:olschibb@mchsi.com)

### *Organs in Revue*

Wednesdays at noon:

July 3:	NO RECITAL	
July 10:	Tom Hamilton .....	Hibbing High School Auditorium
July 17:	Lanae Ronchetti .....	St. James Episcopal Church, Hibbing
July 24:	Amy Szumal .....	Faith United Lutheran Church, Iron
July 31:	Brian Kapp .....	Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Hibbing
August 7:	Karen Sande .....	First Lutheran Church, Hibbing
August 14:	Kristen Weikum .....	Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Virginia

# Teach Us To Pray

## Vacation Bible School

Learning *The Lord's Prayer*

At Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Hibbing

**August 11th-15th, 5:00-7:30**

**For children who have  
completed K-5th grade**

**All are welcome to come to the family  
meal from 5:00-5:30**

-Please let us know how many will attend  
the family meal at registration

**Registration forms available at:**

**OSLC OFFICE: 501 E 23rd St, Hibbing**

**or**

**Facebook: Our Savior's Lutheran - Hibbing**



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM 2024



**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
(Required for participation)



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

**THEME... Teach Us to Pray: Learning the Lord's Prayer**

**WHEN... Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**TIME OF DAY... Evenings, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. (FAMILY MEAL 5:00-5:30)**

**WHERE... Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 501 East 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Hibbing**

**WHO COMPLETED... Kindergarten through Fifth Grade**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending Family Meal \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby enroll and give permission for my child to participate in the planned activities of VBS. I acknowledge the health of my child to be ready for VBS. In the event I cannot be reached in an EMERGENCY, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the VBS Leader to secure any medical or emergency treatment deemed necessary.

I also give permission for any photo or video taken of my child to be used by OSLC and/or other sponsoring organizations for promotional purposes (such as in newspapers, brochures or on electronic media) and/or historical records. With respect to potential COVID concerns, we will follow masking recommendations as prescribe by the St. Louis County Department of Health.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent or Guardian's Signature** (cannot attend unless this is signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**