



# OUR SAVIOR'S VOICE

## AUGUST 2024

A COMMUNITY TRANSFORMED BY CHRIST TO BE CHRIST IN THE WORLD

### *WORSHIP WITH US*

Join us on Sundays at 9:00am  
Our services are live-streamed on  
Facebook and available for replay at  
any time on YouTube.

Hibbing Public Access TV Chanel 805  
6:00pm Tuesdays  
8:00am Wednesdays  
Radio Broadcast 1240AM WMFG  
9:00am Sundays

### *Worship in the Park!*



Our Savior's and Wesley United  
Methodist Churches will be  
co-worshipping at 9am at Bennett  
Park on August 4th. Please bring  
your own lawn chair and umbrella  
(rain or shine). The Worship Band  
will be playing.

### *CONNECT WITH US*

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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, 1st Communion,  
Confirmation, Assist with Worship,  
VLM Bible Camp, Vacation Bible  
School White Elephant Sale, &  
MORE!

OSLC Children's Clothes Closet:  
By Appointment

OSLC Food Shelf: Wednesdays &  
Fridays, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

### *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” Part II... Ministry Continues!*

In the July Pastor’s *VOICE* Article, you may recall that I chose the playful pun for our organ refurbishing effort to that of *journeying down the Organ Trail!*

Well, there were no mules or oxen hauling out the many heavy organ pipes (some weighing over 300 pounds!), but there were plenty of Our Savior’s members who volunteered their time - and put their backs on the line - to remove hundreds of organ pipes that will now be restored in the workshop of R.W. Draeger & Co. in Bloomington, Minnesota.

As of Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, Russ Draeger, and his wingman, Chris, have *left the building*. The next scheduled time for the Draeger Company to come back should be sometime in October. In addition to the many volunteers who came to help remove the organ pipes, we extend our continued thanks to Roy Berg and Julie Jordan, who chairs the Organ Steering Committee, for their continued oversight and leadership. Now that the organ pipes are removed, next scheduled part of the *Organ Trail Saga* will be the renovation of the choir loft itself. Stay tuned for further details!

As this issue of August *VOICE* goes to print, ministry continues at Our Savior’s as once again I get the privilege of accompanying four of our youth on the annual B.W.C.A. Voyageurs Canoe Country Trip, conducted by Voyageurs Lutheran Ministries. This adventure will pull me out of the church office from Sunday afternoon, July 28<sup>th</sup> - Friday evening, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I truly do believe that Christian faith and discipleship is renewed - for me and our youth - every time a canoe trip like this takes place in *God’s Great Northwoods*. Our Savior’s has a long history of encouraging our youth to go on these canoe trips, and for good reason! More than just a relaxing camping trip: *bonding together* living out of a Duluth Pack for a week, *working together* to paddle and portage a canoe, *surviving together* the hardship of rain and mosquito bites, and *thriving together* to each of God’s sunrises and sunsets, all under the benediction of the Triune God; one leaves the forest a different person!

Finally, let me call your attention to the joint Vacation Bible School offering between Our Savior’s Lutheran and the Wesley United Methodist Church that will be held the week of Sunday evening, August 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday evening, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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. We will be staffing a “vendor table” at the *National Night Out*, on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 p.m. at Bennett Park to help promote our V.B.S.

Donated items that are being sought for the craft portion of V.B.S. are as follows: small glass jars, small plastic flower pots, bags of soil, cardboard (to make crowns out of), "junk" jewelry (for previously stated crowns!), and *fancy* small bottles.

Enjoy the rest of summer!

God bless and be well!      Pastor Kevin



### *Pastoral Acts*

### *Funerals*

July 13	Myrtle Hook
July 17	Norma Minor
July 26	Lois Bonacci

### *Baptism*

July 14	Lane Samuel Hagen
July 21	Elanor Louise Olson

### *Happy Birthday!!*

<i>August</i>	Don Schwartz	4
	Phillip Harris	8
	Cliff Rasch	19
	Patricia Johnson	21
	Sylvia Lehman	25
	Helga Nelson	27
	Frank Kangas	28
	Phyllis Fawkes	30



Best wishes to Darrold & Laurie Persson who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Best wishes to Roy & Nadine Berg who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Items needed for Project Care:

Project Care has identified a need for men's work clothes and boots for some of their clients. They would appreciate donations of work boots, boot socks, jeans, carharts, and work gloves. Please check your closets and donate items that still have a useful life. A bin has been put in the narthex and will be there through the month of August. No dress clothes please.

Pam Rundell



### *MUSICAL NOTES*

In August it is time to put the start of rehearsals on the calendar. We will start Temple Choir on August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM. Handbells will begin after Labor Day. Make every effort to attend our first meeting so we can get music passed out and get off to a good start. I will be sending out an email to members of both ensembles in mid-August.

The past two weeks have been busy and crazy for many of us. The preparation of the balcony and the removal of the pipe organ is complete. Tim Rasch has been just great about lining up help. Russell and Chris from Draeger & Co. were very impressed! Let me give you the names of participants at the risk of missing someone. Pastor Kevin, Kara and Naomi Ronning, Lorne Wilson, Jon and Sue Rudberg, Doug Hanson, Mark Johnson, Keith Eggert, Lee Linder, Cliff Rasch, Tim Rasch, Jim Christian, Jay Philips, Nadine and me. You would be amazed at all that took place. Each and everyone did their part.

Now the pipes and all the chests will be serviced which can amount to repair or replacement depending on their status. Some of the work will be sent out to organ supply houses that only do that specialized work. The new console is being prepared at Russell's shop in Bloomington.

The next stage is to line up contractors for the improvements to the balcony and chambers. Materials need to be finalized, orders placed for needed items and the work calendar filled in. We have a collection of pictures showing the process that I will get organized and make available for viewing. Please show patience as this project moves forward.

*Roy*

## **CONFIRMATION NEWS**



Hope you all are enjoying a beautiful Summer!  
Summer is a good time for those entering 8th–11th 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.

### **Mission Action**

We will once again be doing about 100 school bags for Lutheran World Relief.

Items needed for each bag include:

- 4 i80 page spiral bound notebooks either wide or college rule
- 5 Bic style blue or black ink pens
- 5 number 2 unsharpened pencils
- 1 box 24 count Crayola crayons
- 1 two inch pink eraser
- 1 child's scissors
- 1 12 inch/30mm ruler
- 1 good pencil sharpener

We have the bags. If you wish to donate money please bring it to the office or put it in an offering envelope with that designation in the offering plate.

School supply specials should be out soon. Crayola crayons hold up better than other brands. Pencils should be just plain colored and no fancy ones due to how they sharpen. I know this sounds a little petty but these may be the only supplies a child has for a year or two of schooling. Also, no logos or company name other than manufacturer on items.

Thank you. Mission committee

### **Altar Guild**

We are in need of volunteers to join our Altar Guild!!! If you are interested In learning more about the duties please call Suzanne Clark...218-969-9456. This is a 1-month commitment annually. It involves dusting the altar, setting up communion, and cleaning up after worship on communion Sunday's.

The Columbarium at Our Savior's offers perpetually endowed care for the remains of those members and their family who choose cremation. It 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.

### **2024 Missionary for a Day Calendar**

2024 Missionary for a Day Calendar to date has received \$1,745.  
During July gifts were received:

From Dick & Kathy Anderson  
From Sharon & Mitch Cook in celebration the Birthdays of Gunnar C.,  
David D., Mitch, and Logan K., and the Anniversaries of Cyndi & Pat K,  
Dylan & Noel D. and their anniversary  
In memory of Myrtle Hook by Betty D. and Sylvia P.  
From Pastor Kevin & Sandi Olson  
From Carmen & Greg Solberg in memory of their grandson Ryan

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!



*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 [oslchibb@mchsi.com](mailto:oslchibb@mchsi.com) .

## *Worship in the Park!*



## *Worship in the Park –*

This Summer we will be worshipping at Bennett Park North Pavilion, 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.



## *Women's Bible Study*

The Women of Our Saviors will continue our three-session Bible study on Thursday, August 8 at 10 am.

This might possibly be one of the most challenging studies we have ever faced. We will attempt to tiptoe into POLITICS and try to see how we as Christians can approach harmful divisions without becoming judgmental in this turbulent climate.

As Christians we have an advantage, since our highest allegiance is not to any political party or our national identity, but to Jesus, who has made us His Body in Today's World. We will not be focusing on any specific politicians or political issues, but how we approach this issue and how Jesus' teachings can help guide us through this minefield.

I strongly urge everyone to really prepare for this study. Please read it carefully, with open and prayerful consideration. We will have copies available on the table outside the church office. This will be a challenge for us all. We know that political beliefs have divided and broken many relationships. We will try to learn about the healing of those situations and how our Christian love for one another might enable us to see how we are part of the problem and the solution. Please come and learn from this very important topic.

Our Monday Quilters will begin to meet on August 19. If you know of anyone who might enjoy this ecumenical gathering of quilters, please invite them. These women will happily provide on the job training, refreshing conversation, coffee 'and, and the chance to help so many less fortunate in our community and throughout the world. They accomplish so much working together and you can be sure of a warm and sincere welcome.

The Women of OSLC welcome you and sincerely encourage you to join us in all our activities. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to either Sue Schock or Sue Stanisich.

Enjoy our beautiful Northern Minnesota summer!

## Organs in Revue 2024

Wednesdays at noon:

August 7: Karen Sande .....First Lutheran Church, Hibbing

August 14: Kristen Weikum .....Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Virginia



### ***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. (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***

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 (the registration form in this month's August 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 5p.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!

**National Night Out at Bennett Park----**August 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm

Come join the fun!!!

Our Savior's will be present to promote Vacation Bible School starting August 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 7:30pm.

The theme this year is –

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

Children who have completed Kindergarten – Fifth grade are welcome.



## **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**

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

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

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

City, State. Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

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