



OUR SAVIOR'S VOICE

OCTOBER 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 802
6:00pm Tuesdays
8:00am Wednesdays
Radio Broadcast 1240AM WMFG
10:30am Sundays



PASTIES, PASTIES,
PASTIES
October 9 & 10...
\$9.00 each
Order yours now!!!
Volunteers welcome.

Confirmation Sunday

is October 27th with a special service
at 11am. Please have family
members and sponsors mark their
calendars.

CONNECT WITH US

(218) 263-7422 olchibbing.org
oslchibb@mchsi.com

Office Hours:

Mon thru Fri 9am-4pm



Follow us on Facebook at:
OurSaviorsLutheran –
Hibbing And OSLCHibbing



Youtube Channel:
OSLCHibbing

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.

Our Fall Stewardship Campaign: Rich in Christ

My Siblings in Christ:

It has been a while since we have had an intentional financial stewardship drive dedicated to our operating expenses; six years to be precise! (*Obviously COVID was no help during this hiatus!*)

Statistically, congregations that DO conduct annual stewardship drives, and are NOT AFRAID TO ASK of their membership to grow in giving and generosity will THRIVE; while congregations that DO NOT engage in such practices will BARELY SURVIVE.

For the past seven weeks, the Church Council and I have been working hard with a stewardship consulting firm that has introduced us to the principles of *Stewardship for All Seasons*. Lead by the Holy Spirit, this effort has brought us to the point where we are ready to “roll out” our Fall Stewardship Campaign entitled: ***Rich in Christ: Growing in Generosity through Faith, Love, and Service.*** To quote the purpose statement which the Church Council and I have drafted...

*To be **Rich in Christ** is much more than the money in our bank account, or the church budget, but it's WHAT WE DO with everything God has given to us: "ourselves, our time, and our possessions." To be **Rich in Christ** is to be rich in good deeds, rich in generosity, and rich in love and service towards others.*

*We all begin with the premise that we are **Rich in Christ**. As the Apostle Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 8:9... "For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." This opens the door for each of us to take a step on a journey of generosity.*

During the month of October, you will read and hear about the ***Rich in Christ*** stewardship campaign through a printed brochure, bulletin inserts, sermons and temple talks, and two letter mailings to our membership inviting each of us to grow in our journey of generosity by prayerfully consider filling out a *Commitment Card* to be presented at our ***All Saints Worship Service on Sunday, November 3rd.***

The goal of our ***Rich in Christ*** stewardship campaign is to increase our collective giving towards our spending plan by 15%. Such an increase would raise an additional \$61,500 to the mission and ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Such an increase in giving will allow us to...

- *Build Christian fellowship and community amongst our families, particularly families with younger children.*
- *Engage youth to grow deeper in their Christian faith through participation in the life of the church.*
- *Caring for underserved individuals and families in our community, particularly children at risk.*

Exciting times! Let us pray for each other as we journey on the path of generosity... ***Rich in Christ!*** ***Pastor Kevin***



Indigenous Peoples Sunday, Sunday October 13th
Welcome Fred D. McDougall as our Guest Speaker
for Worship and Adult Forum (held after worship,
approximately 10:30 a.m.)

On Indigenous Peoples Sunday in the Northeastern Minnesota Synod, we honor the unique and beautiful contributions of our Native American brothers and sisters by lifting up the American Indian/Alaska Native ministries of the ELCA. Beseeching the blessings of the Triune God, this service celebrates the present-day accompaniment the ELCA has in doing ministry alongside Indigenous People, as well as understanding the trauma and pain Indigenous Peoples have suffered historically through European Colonialism with the goal of searching for further paths of repentance, healing, and understanding.

As a Guest Speaker, and Adult Forum speaker, for this Sunday, we are pleased to welcome: *Mr. Fred D. McDougall* as our guest. Fred is an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Bois Forte (Nett Lake) Band. Fred holds a Master's Degree in Regional Planning from the University of Massachusetts. Fred was Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, and has served as the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the State of Minnesota. Fred also teaches in the Hibbing School District, is a Hibbing Graduate, has served his country in the U.S. Navy, and is a long-time resident of "the Range." We will be informed and blessed to host Fred on this dedicated Sunday!



Rite of Confirmation for Our Savior's Lutheran Church Sunday, October 27th, at 11 a.m.

Four of our youth from Our Savior's are scheduled to make their Affirmation of Baptism through the Rite of Confirmation Service schedule for **Sunday, October 27th** (Reformation Day) at **11 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.**

11th Grade Confirmands about to get Confirmed, please note **Rehearsal for the Rite of Confirmation Service** scheduled for **Wednesday, October 23rd at 6 p.m.** The Confirmation Robes will be available at this time for picture taking as well.

We as a Christian community have nurtured the following youth of our congregation, and soon we welcome these young disciples who will be affirming their baptismal faith: *Leevi Lease, Spencer Ruzich, Elijah Teske, Jonah Teske.*

MUSICAL NOTES



It feels good to have choirs back singing and performing. I have four new anthems that I will be sharing in the coming weeks. Selecting music is both interesting and challenging. Interesting in the sense that you look at both original compositions and new arrangements of older familiar tunes. Challenging because you must select things that will work well with the voices you have in the choir or maybe perfect for a particular special Sunday. I am also on the lookout for things that will stand out when presented. The process can get very intense when it comes to finding the right place for each and every one.

On October 6th I will be excited to have you hear "Followers of the Lamb" arranged by Earlene Rentz. It is labeled as a traditional Shaker song. When the Shakers first arrived in America in 1774, worship often featured vocal music that was similar to chanting traditions from other religions. Church members were encouraged to write their own tune and improvise. I don't really expect that to happen here! But I think when you hear this anthem you will hear that potential. The energy and the strong dominant rhythm and repetitions incorporated in this arrangement try to do that.

The third Sunday in October, our anthem is entitled "Come and Find the Quiet Center." It is by Mark Sedio who has recently retired from being the Director of Music at Central Lutheran in downtown Minneapolis. My daughter and her husband have sung in his choir for a number of years. It calls us to find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead. I can't help but think of the story of Martha and Mary. Jesus points out who has chosen the better path to follow.

I do hope that you will enjoy having the choir singing from the front of the sanctuary. It is the way we are forced to do things for a while until we can hear our pipe organ once again in all its glory and move into a remodeled balcony.

Roy



Pastoral Acts

Funeral – September 16 Arlene Pascuzzi

Happy Birthday!!

<i>October</i>	1	Carlin Hahn
	6	Tom Sampson
	13	Doris LaFreniere
	21	Shirley Glad
	28	Jerome Seppala



12	George & Lynn Sletta	50 yrs
20	Jeff & Barbara Hart	40 yrs

Project Care Project Care identified a need for men's work clothes this summer. We held a collection during the month of August. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to donate 8 pairs of work boots; 10 pair of work pants; 17 pairs of boot socks; 15 pairs of gloves; 12 shirts; 2 pairs of coveralls; 1 jacket and 4 pairs of shoes.



Mission Action The food shelf in the church could use a little help. We are seeing an uptick in usage. We will accept monetary donations or non- perishable food donations. We also put toilet paper and hand soap or could use shampoo and conditioner or dish soap. Please consider a donation when you are doing your shopping. You can leave them in a bag by the office and we will get them in the food shelf. Thanks in advance.



We will meet again on Thursday, October 17th (NOTE DATE CHANGE) at 10am to continue our Bible study, "Receiving Grace, a study of Ephesians".

This seems to be an excellent study and the author has done a great job in attempting to open our hearts and minds to the lessons in this short book. My deepest thanks to all who attended the September study and especially Mary Hemmersbaugh who led the group and added such insight after having been to Ephesus.

We're delighted that so many continue to attend these meetings and use the time we spend to share with and support one another. We welcome ALL women of the church to join us...no prior study experience or expertise in Biblical studies is necessary. It's a time for friendship, fellowship and learning and we would love to have you join us. Remember, October's study is a week later than usual...October 17. See you there! SueStan

Council Highlights --- September 17, 2024.

- Treasurer's Report is looking good. Church council is pleased.
- PK using his discretionary funds.
- PK talked about SAS and where the church is at. Talked dates and deadlines -Aware training is pushed out due to SAS meetings
- God's Work Our Hands was great.

The Church had a variety of options to volunteer for.



Everyone for the prayers and cards when I had my surgery on June 24th. Thank you, Pastor Kevin & Sandi, for stopping to see me that evening. Also for prayers for my upcoming procedure on October 9th.
God's blessing to all of you. Sharon Cook

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 to date has received \$1905.00
During September gifts were received:

From Sharon & Mitch Cook in honor of the birthdays of grandson Brandon,
Great-granddaughter Violet, and friend Jim C.

In memory of Arlene Pascuzzi.

In loving memory of David (Buck) Watson's birthday (9-28).

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!

PASTIES, PASTIES, PASTIES!!!



It is time for the Fall bake with prep on October 9th and baking on October 10th. The cost is \$9.00 per pasty.

Our baking day is now from about 8 a.m. til 1 p.m. including time for lunch and coffee breaks while the pasties are baking.

Wednesday workers are needed for dough by 8:30a.m. and peeling after Bible Study around 10:00 a.m. On Thursday workers come between 8 - 8:30 a.m. Any help at any time during either day is welcome. You will get on-the-job training!!! Also, lots of laughs and great fellowship. Free coffee and goodies and lunch too!

Women of the Church—BAZAAR planning



Decisions need to be made about doing our Fall bazaar. We will not be serving the turkey salad for various reasons. Some discussion will take place during Pasty Bake on Oct. 10th and then on Sunday, October 13th. All women are invited to the Chapel after church to make decisions as to the route we will take with the bazaar and the type of luncheon we will serve. We will have coffee and goodies for you at that meeting.

We have scaled the bazaar back to a luncheon, bake and canned goods sale. Is this the way we will still go? We are also looking for some more people to step up and help lead this event. The old guard will be there to help and are hoping for fresh ideas.

Typically, monies raised through the bazaar go to help the support of and ELCA medical missionary in Tanzania. This is in addition to monies raised through the missionary calendar. We have supported the Fribergs for many years.

In Christ, Sue Schock

Confirmation News -

3rd grade - If you did not receive your Bible on Sunday, September 22nd please contact Cindy at the church office, 218-263-7422

Sunday, Oct. 13th students meet with Pastor at 10:30 a.m.

4th grade - Be sure to attend the 4th grade Fun Evening next spring.
Participation project: Volunteer to straighten pew racks

5th grade - Contact Cindy if your family has not received the devotional Little Visits with God.

Your class will study Communion during Lent. Celebration of First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, April 17th
Participation: Volunteer to deliver a devotional

6th grade - We will study the Lord's Prayer together in the Spring
Participation: Acolyte throughout the year as scheduled

7th-10th grades - Weekly Wednesday Classes meet at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Class dates are **Oct. 2, 9, (16-no class), 23, 30**

Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11, 18, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29,

Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14

Participation: 10 sermon notes, 10 hours of service each school year,
Acolyte as scheduled

11th grade - Confirmation **Sunday is Oct. 29th at a Special 11:00 service**, Be sure to have your family, sponsors and mentors mark their calendars.



shutterstock-118550644

Would you like our congregation to pray for any issues, problems, or health concerns you have? We believe in the power of prayer and know that our petitions are heard and answered. Please call the church office at 218-263-7422 and we will pass your request on to the Prayer Chain.



An Autumn Prayer

Abba, Father, the trees are ablaze with your glory.
The seasons change, but you never do.
You are always beautiful, in the green and freshness of Spring
as in the golds and reds and chills of Autumn.

Make me like you. Let my life reflect Your beauty, season after season,
as the calendar of my life turns and turns and turns.

The trees are letting go of this year's foliage. Help me let go of both blessings
and burdens, and surrender them both to Your loving care.

Fallen leaves pattern the ground with variety. So design my own fallings and
failings into whatever design will please You most.

In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

by Bob Hostetler