

# The Common Thread

*Newsletter of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church*

May & June 2025

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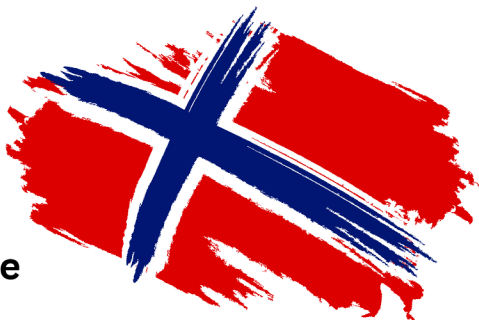
**May 17th**

**Serving 4:30-7pm**

**Adults: \$18**

**Kids: \$5**

**Preschool & Under: Free**



**Lefse Making: May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Contact Sheryl or Patty to volunteer

## YOUTH LED SUNDAY

**May 18th**

**Sign up your child today!**

All youth programs conclude with this service for the year. Have a great summer!



## Senior Sunday

Come celebrate our graduates with us and stay for a time of fellowship following the service.



## Your Gifts are Needed!

Can you help in one or more of these places?

- Communion Bread Bakers
- Sunday School, Connect, & Youth Teachers
- Spring Cleaners







## From the Pastor's Office

*"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion...." (Philippians 1:3-6)*

This statement of gratitude is written by Paul in the beginning of his letter to the Philippians. Before Paul gives any instruction or correction to them on their Christian living, he first raises them up to God, praying for them and giving thanks for their great work in the Gospel. And while this is written by Paul, thousands of years ago, I feel as if I could write this about so many in our congregation.

As I have slowly reentered the work routine and said farewell to my slow days of maternity leave, I have been in absolute awe of how easy of a transition it has been to resume my pastoral role at the church - not because of any work I have done, but because of the great work so many did in my absence. This church, the last three months, didn't just survive, but thrived. You all gathered for good worship, heard a variety of preachers, welcomed visitors, provided and gathered around meals, continued committee planning, educated our youth, and raised up leaders. I am filled with such gratitude at the great work that has been done and am so excited to recognize the numbers of people who stepped up to take on extra roles to keep our church running smoothly.

Yes, I am called to serve your congregation in this time and place, but what a joy it is to see that in the absence of a called pastor to lead, you continue to do great ministry and uplift the gifts of your members to serve in multiple and various ways. I am so thankful for each of you, but more than that, thank God for your gifts and pray that even as I return to my role, our members continue to feel empowered to serve God and the church with joy.

Thank you for being such a phenomenal group of people - it is an honor to live, work, and serve among you.

– Pastor Kayla



### ***First Communion***

Congratulations to Bentley on receiving her first communion on Maundy Thursday. We are excited to welcome you to the table with us!



# Council & Committee Reports

## Youth and Family

### End of Youth Programs:

We are wrapping up all our youth programs for the year! May 11<sup>th</sup> is the last day of Sunday school and May 14<sup>th</sup> is the last day of Connect. Confirmation ends May 4<sup>th</sup>, but students are welcome to work on materials all summer long - just check in with Pastor Kayla. We will wrap up the year with one final Youth Led Sunday on May 18<sup>th</sup> - get signed up!

**Vacation Bible School:** Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Church are looking forward to our summer Vacation Bible School program. We are hosting Camp Metigoshe for a Day Camp that will be held at our congregation July 21- 25 for students entering PreK - 6th grades.

Metigoshe's trained staff will be here to lead an amazing experience for our youth with the help of volunteers from our congregation. This summer's theme is "G.L.U.E...GOD LOVES US EVERYWHERE!" We will read through the Book of Jonah and dig into the four day themes:

- God loves us when we make mistakes.
- God loves us when we are down.
- God loves us when we listen.
- God loves us when we are angry.

Days will consist of lots of games, singing, arts & crafts, snacks, SWAT (Bible study), and much more. Day Camp will begin at 9:00 am and will end at 3:00 PM Monday through Thursday. Friday will be a short day, running from 9:00 to 11:30. If your child is entering PreK or Kindergarten, their day will run from 9:00 to noon M-Th and 9:00 to 11:30 on Friday. We will have a closing program for campers to share with parents and congregation members what they learned during the week.

Please encourage your children or children you know and love to participate! We are looking forward to this exciting and fun opportunity to grow in faith.

Submitted by Molly Flaten

On behalf of the Youth and Family Committee:

Erin Loewen, Margaret Borgeson, Sydney Bata, Julia Hell

## Consider signing up for Simply Giving

Not able to be in church? Maybe you or someone in your family is ill, you are on vacation, or plan to spend the summer soaking in the sunshine at the lake. In these situations, you can be sure you are still supporting the mission of our church through automatic giving. Forms can be found at the church or by calling the church office.

### Note on current financial status:

The first quarter of the year has us seeing a large loss when comparing our income and expenses. While regular offering continues to be steady, our special offerings are significantly lower than last year. Insurance costs rose almost a thousand dollars a quarter this year. We also had a large building project early on with replacing the windows in our office addition, which will hopefully save on heating and cooling costs long term.

### Financial Snapshot

as of March 31, 2025

#### 2025 Income

\$45,155.22

#### 2025 Expenses

\$63,245.19

#### Current Net Loss:

**\$18,092.97**



# ANCHORS AWEIGH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Metigoshe  
MINISTRIES

JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> - 25<sup>TH</sup>  
9AM-3PM : 1<sup>ST</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
9AM - NOON: PREK - K  
MEALS & SNACKS PROVIDED  
\$50 FOR FULL WEEK  
\$25 FOR PRESCHOOL

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
129 HARRIS AVE S, PARK RIVER



REGISTER HERE

OUR SAVIOUR'S AND ZION LUTHERAN CHURCHES IN  
PARTNERSHIP WITH METIGOSHE MINISTRIES

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! INVITE A FRIEND!  
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR SNACK TIME, HELPERS, AND FOOD FOR MEALS.  
A SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE AT THE CHURCH, AS WELL AS ONLINE. THANK YOU FOR ALL  
YOUR SUPPORT HELPING MAKING THIS A GREAT YEAR FOR OUR YOUTH!



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