



The Carillon

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC

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September 2021



Sunday School Kick Off
September 12th, 9:30am

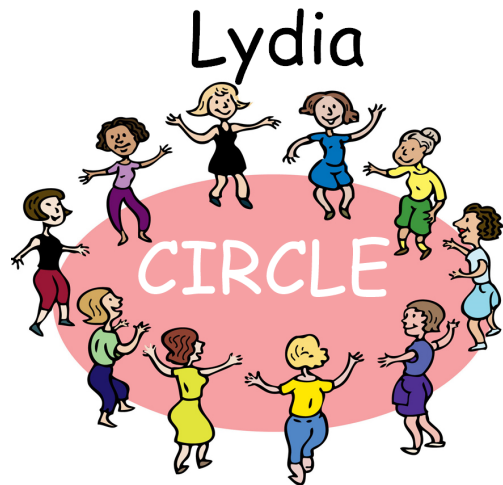
See Sunday School article for more info.



Your prayer requests are important to us at Our Saviour's. Here are some helpful tips:

- If you would like to add a name to the Prayer Concerns portion of our bulletin, we ask that you call the church office or email office@oslfamily.org.
- Please make sure you have permission from that person to add them to our prayer list.
- With the exception of our prayers for those serving in the armed forces, prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for one month.
- Please let the office staff know if circumstances change in that time and you would like a name removed.

If you would like to submit a prayer request more privately, please continue to use the yellow prayer cards available during services. Prayer requests on those cards will not be put in the bulletin, unless you also call the church office and request it.



Our Lydia Circle ladies are planning a reunion/reorganizational meeting for Tuesday, September 21, at 1:00 PM, in the Gathering Room. New members are certainly welcome and encouraged to join or just visit, if you like. Our agenda includes...

- devotions,
- dessert,
- an introduction to our **Proverbs 31 Woman Bible Study**
- a time of business/planning.

Please join us for good company, a time to catch up, and to help plan for the upcoming months.

The Church office will be closed Monday September 6th.





Action Items

- Approve Kris & Erin Kreh as High School Youth leaders
- Have Sunday service times at 8:30am and 10:45am beginning on Sunday, September 12, 2021
- Include the retreat at FLLC in February 2022 in the confirmation program schedule.

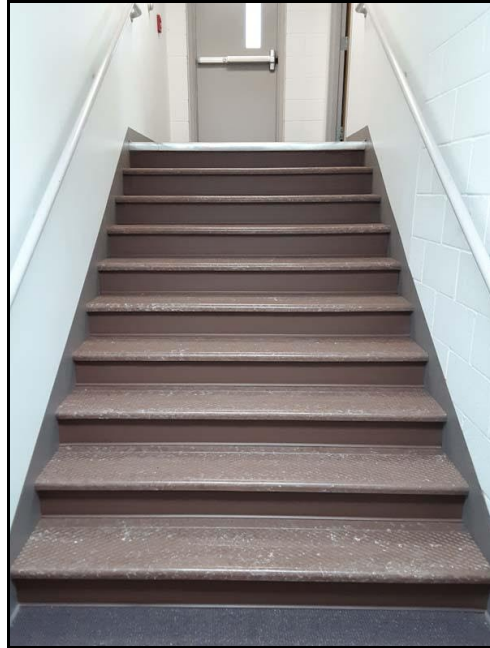
Informational Items

- We are in need of a 7th grade confirmation teacher – put in bulletins & on YouTube slides
- 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting – Thursday, August 12th at 5pm
- Sunday School Rally Day – September 12th, 2021
- Second Grade Bibles – October 17th, 2021
- Pastoral Acts for July - none
- Building/Roof Update – Final cost of building stone cleaning/sealing unknown until billed. Continue asking for roof bids to get good estimate to start capital fund drive.
- Funeral Luncheons – will be provided for member families. Non-members can use the fellowship hall but must cater food.



Psalm 37:23

The LORD makes firm the steps
of the one who delights in him;



Special thanks to our Shepherd's Preschool for providing funds to resurface the steps from our Crystal Lake entrance to the lower level. Our original carpeting, having seen its better days, is now replaced with heavy duty stair treads. We appreciate our preschool board for recognizing this need and for helping us to maintain and improve our church building. Please stop by and try them out.



Confirmation

Confirmation will begin for 7th & 8th grade students on **Wednesday, September 22nd from 6:00- 7:00pm.** 8th grade students will meet in the Gathering Room, and 7th grade students will meet downstairs in the Creation Station. More information and registration forms will be mailed soon.

7th Grade parents please plan to come with your student at 5:30pm on September 22 to meet in the gathering room for a short parent orientation.

We are in need of a 7th grade confirmation teacher and parent guides for both 7th & 8th grade. Please contact the church office if you are able to help!



Are you a highschooler? Do you like pizza, pop and hanging out with friends? Are you looking for something fun to do on a Wednesday night? If you answered yes to any of the questions, come check us out on Wednesday, September 22nd from 6-7pm for our youth group kick off in the Fellowship hall!



Welcome
TO OUR
church

We'd like to welcome new members John & Sandy Giordana to Our Saviour's! They were both born and raised in Crystal Falls, but lived in Iowa for 30 years. John worked for John Deere as a Civil Engineer and Sandy worked as a Human Resources Director. They moved to Houghton upon retirement where they provided support to Sandy's aging parents for the past 14 years. Their daughter and family live in northern California and son and family are in Denver, CO. John enjoys grouse hunting and fishing and Sandy likes to quilt and read.

BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

Thursdays

**10:30am & 6:30pm
The Gathering Room**



Our regular Thursday morning and evening Bible Study will resume on September 16th at 10:30am and 6:30pm. Each week we will be focusing on the gospel text for the upcoming Sunday, taking it in the context of our Lutheran faith.

This Bible Study is geared for those who are both new to the faith and those who have followed Jesus for a long time. There are no requirements for attendance, other than a desire to learn more about our Savior, Jesus Christ and what He means to our lives right here and right now.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 *“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”*

Sincere thanks to some 36 volunteers who made it possible for us to serve a delicious lunch to nearly 150 folks at two back-to-back funeral luncheons recently held in our Fellowship Hall. Whether you:

- made phone calls,
- did the shopping,
- baked a hot dish,
- prepared a salad, provided a dessert,
- set the tables,
- served food/beverages,
- cleaned up,
- washed dishes, or
- laundered table cloths,

your assistance was important and you are appreciated.

We are so pleased, once again, to be able to provide this valuable service to our church family and friends in need – and we hope we can continue.

Anyone interested in having their name included on our call list should please leave us a note or call the church office at 774-2733.



Dear OSL family,

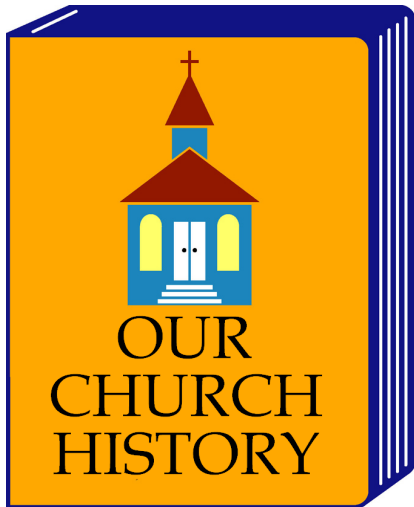
On behalf of the entire Mendini family We thank you for all the prayers, kindness and sympathy extended to our family on the passing of Allen. He was a gentleman who loved his church, family and friends. Allen will be missed by all who knew him. God's blessings to you all,
Mike & Cris Mendini Hamlin



Don't forget to help out our neighbors by donating a few items to our food cart for the First Lutheran Food Pantry. There is always a need in our community.



Food Cart



In this month's Church History section of The Carillon, we are continuing our series on the history and meaning of our church's stained-glass windows. The next window can be found on the west side of the church and is one of the two furthest back in the sanctuary before the fireside room. Only one window will be discussed this month since it has so much symbolism.

The **Ten Commandments Window** was given as a memorial in honor of Clara Larson.

Depicted in this window are the two tablets of stone on which the commandments were written by the finger of God; they are the fundamental principles of our Christian ethics and worship to this day.



The text of the Ten Commandments appears twice in the bible: once in Exodus and once in Deuteronomy. Since they aren't listed on the window and we can all use a refresher from time to time, the Ten Commandments are:

“You shall have no other gods.
You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Above the tablets is the eye of God (or eye of Providence) with accompanying rays of light to depict His Power. This symbol is triangular to represent the trinity and is meant to remind us that His vision encompasses and watches over us in every direction. The last, and most unique, feature in this window are the staff and serpent depicted on the left tablet. This symbol can be interpreted as simply a reference to Moses. Numbers 21 tells the story of Moses being instructed to make a serpent of bronze to save the Israelites from poisonous snakes in the wilderness. To this day, it is recognizable as the healing emblem for the medical profession.



However, just like our other stained-glass windows in the church, there is a deeper connection being shown here between Jesus Christ and the Old Testament. John 3:16 is one of the most familiar verses in the bible: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” The verses just before it – John 3:14-15 – are where the connection is made: Jesus said 14 “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”

Jesus makes direct comparison between the raising up of the Son of Man and the act of Moses in raising up the serpent as a sign, using it as a symbol associated with salvation.

Sunday School



Our Saviour's Lutheran Sunday School Invites all children 3 yr – 6th grade to our "Heroes Unmasked" Rally Day on Sunday, September 12th at 9:30 am. At our Heroes Unmasked event kids will meet heroes from the Bible and have a ball as well. Heroes Unmasked is an all-fun, no-fear Bible adventure. Children and their families will encounter Bible Heros as they play games and do crafts. This an exciting way for kids and their families to learn more about God's love.

Sunday School is offered this year for children from 3yrs to 6th grade. Please register for Sunday School by visiting our website oslfamily.org and clicking on the registration button. Fill out a form for each student that will be attending. Please register before rally day on September 12th.

Sunday School will not be requiring masks at this time but we will be in contact with our local schools and will follow the same guidelines that follow. If you want to send your child with a mask feel free to do so. We are super excited to start this year in person and can't wait to see all of your smiling faces on Rally Day!

We can always use your help! If you are interest in helping with our Sunday School Ministry please feel free to contact the church office at 906-774-2733 or Monica Chartier at 906-282-3017 or email mon-chartier@gmail.com.

In Christ's Love

Your Sunday School Ministry Team



SECOND GRADE BIBLES

We are excited to present our second graders with their own Bible to read and use to help them learn more about God and grow in their faith throughout the years ahead.

Second graders and their parents will meet during Sunday School beginning September 26th.

Students will be presented with their Bibles at the 10:45am service on Sunday, October 17th.

Parents will be mailed a letter with more information prior to the start of classes. If you have a second grader and do not receive a letter, please call the church office.



WINSOME WOMEN RETREAT

THEME: "Christ Our Joy"

The Lord has done great things for us, and
we are filled with joy.

Psalm 126:3

Do you want to discover breakthroughs and gain insights for spiritual growth and deeper relationships? WinSome Women retreat is presenting Ruth Graham, Michael Card, Sarah Schieber and award-winning musician Sandi Patty to inspire and encourage you on your journey. Don't miss out. Be sure to come with your mother, daughters, sisters, and friends to experience enriching speakers, uplifting worship, and the ambiance of the Great Lakes Center for the Arts in beautiful Bay Harbor, MI.



Mark your calendar...

Event Days

- Tuesday & Wednesday, October 19 & 20, 2021
- Wednesday & Thursday, October 20 & 21, 2021
- Thursday & Friday, October 21 & 22, 2021

Accommodations & Meals are separate

WinSome Women Christian Retreats are open to women 13 years of age and older.



The next Centennial Committee meeting will be October 7th at 5pm.



**DEEPLY ROOTED:
BODY, MIND, & SPIRIT**
At Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
October 8 - October 10, 2021

This year's event entitled Deeply Rooted: Body, Mind, & Spirit will feature all the things you've come to expect: yoga, tai chi, cooking, demos, prayer & devotional experiences, massage, and so much more! Once again, we'll feature the wisdom and insight of Pam Roose, Registered Dietitian & Certified Yoga Instructor from Inspiring Roots.

Highlights

- Varieties of styles of yoga
- Tai Chi
- Optional massage
- Devotions and meditation
- Healthy food and opportunities to help with meal prep
- Belly dance
- Campfires
- Nature hikes

For those 21 years+. Invite your friends and come for the weekend. You'll be rejuvenated and grow more deeply rooted in all the best ways. Retreat begins on Friday at 6pm CENTRAL and concludes on Sunday at 11am.

Registration Deadline September 24.

Register online at fortunelake.org



This year Our Saviour's provided twelve camperships for regular (full) weeks, two camperships for mini weeks and one family week campership for a total of \$2,800. Money raised from Easter flowers, interest from the Lisa Huebner Memorial CD, and offerings designated for camperships were all used to make it possible.

If you are a member and had children attend camp this summer, it's not too late to submit for this past summer! Call Christina in the office for information.



FORTUNE LAKE
A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

SENIOR DAYS at Fortune Lake

After a long hiatus, plans are in the works to restart Senior Days at Fortune Lake 2021/2022! With the increased vaccination rate among the senior population in our area, we hope to safely gather for fellowship, learning, and a meal.

Come and join us for a day of wonderful conversation, delicious food, and great fun! Senior Day is a wonderful way to reconnect with old friends and make a few new ones along the way! Gather in the Dining Hall from 10 am – 2pm and enjoy a delightful day at FLLC, including a devotion, program, lunch, and fellowship!

Dates:

Sept. 13, 2021

Nov. 15, 2021

Jan. 10, 2022

Mar. 14, 2022

May 9, 2022

\$10 donation per participant is requested
RSVP by the Friday before to
(906) 214-2267



Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Fall Fest

Greetings FLLC Association Congregations! Fortune Lake and the Sisters of the Cloth are pleased to announce that Fall Fest is ON for 2021! The date of the event is Saturday, October 2, and we are planning for a hybrid in-person event with a live auction as well as a virtual silent auction.

Our 2021 Fall Fest will include the following:

- A live in-person auction of a small lot of carefully selected hand-made quilts
- A Country Store featuring smaller hand-made items to be purchased on site
- A draffle (drawing-raffle) for opportunities to win unique prizes and gifts
- A silent virtual auction featuring a large selection of homemade quilts and other hand-crafted items, which will begin September 22 and conclude October 2 and is open to anyone, the world over!
- Tentative: brunch and bake sale, to be determined at a later date

Please mark your calendars and make plans to participate in the ways you see fit! More information will be shared as details are worked out. Check our website (fortunelake.org) for updates.



September

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jonathan Ringel
Amanda Rudnick
- 3 Sam Chartier
- 4 Wade Edwards
Patti Forgette
- 6 Arlo Maki
- 7 Betty Soderberg
- 8 Mya Grunlund
- 9 Scott Camp
Sandra Meier
Travis Smith
Laura VanGuilder
Karen Baij
- 10 Jim Myllyla
- 11 Austin Plonke
Dean Ruohomaki
- 12 Patricia Menza
Mary Parrott
- 13 Kay Conery
Ellis Bray
Cole Baij
- 14 Alison Bray
- 15 Chris Carlson
Greg LaFreniere
Jaycie Marchetti
- 16 Geno Schinderle
- 17 Clark Robb

- 18 Carlye Buchcuski
Aubrie Moore
Mandy Shogren
- 19 Laura Olsen
- 20 Grace Flunker
- 21 Bonnie Greenleaf
Jeremy Maki
Wyatt Scott
Cassie Taff
- 22 Donna Westphal
Peter Kennedy
Mariann Goodchild
Ethan LaVarnway
Tom Nelson
Steve Westphal
- 23 Jay Gareau
Soren LeMire
Nicholas Opolka
- 25 Nan Johnson
- 28 Cincee Wittebach
- 29 Chris Moore
Joann Seppi
- 30 Richard Bath
Miriam Belding



**Eileen & Jason Anderson,
20 years, September 1, 2001

** Donna & Patrick Tanguay,
10 years, September 10, 2011

** Jonathan & Shelly Ringel,
15 years, September 24, 2006





Baptisms:

* Elara Wilber, daughter of Ashly Nelson & Cheyne Wilber

Thank You:

The Family of John Fredrickson
The Family of Ron Huotari

Sympathy To:

- * Dave & Cindy Bradley & Family on the death of his mother Shirley Bradley
- * Ron Weide & family on the death of his wife Sue Weide
- * Arlene Huotari & Family on the death of her husband Ron Huaotari

Financials & Attendance

July Receipts \$30,024.00
 July Expenditures \$60,953.00
 Net Income (Loss) (\$30,929.00)

August 1	103
August 8	100
August 15	89
August 22	101



Shepherds Preschool is excited and ready to start a new school year! We hope everyone has enjoyed this summer, we have been lucky to have a lot of beautiful weather and sunshine. Our orientation will take place on Tuesday, August 31, our 3-4 yr olds (preschool) will meet from 4:00-5:00, and our 4-5 yr olds (Pre-K) will meet from 5:00-6:00. Ms. Mandy and Ms. Kaye are very excited to see so many returning students and meet our new students! It's going to be a great year of learning and fun!

Our first day of school will be on Tuesday, September 7, get ready preschoolers! And we will see our Pre-K students on Wednesday, September 8!

Blessings, Ms. Mandy and Ms. Kaye

The Pastor's Link



Perhaps you have heard it stated:

"The Church is always one generation from disappearing".

It is the idea is that unless we teach our children the faith, and unless we are active in mission and outreach then the church can perish within the next generation. This statement shows not only an amazing amount of arrogance and trust in our own abilities, but more so an incredible lack of faith in our Lord, who has promised that the gates of hell shall not prevail against His Church.

Many well-meaning Christians and denominations try to "fix" the church in order to make it more successful, profitable and appealing. The thought is that the church is no longer the way Jesus intended it to be, and so it is up to "us" to try and start over, to get it right so it can be the church that God wants and He will bless it and us.

This "Theology of Glory" is the current 'fad'. *It seems to be the only real tradition of American Christianity: the perpetual quest for a truly 'Spirit-filled' assembly of people that we can point to and say, "See! Those are true Christians!" And we believe that this "Church" can be found only on the other side of our*

"fix". THEN the mission could be accomplished. The "fixers" always come back to this same pattern of man-centered blunder.

If we can just find the right way to organize.

If We Can Just find the right way to worship.

If We Can Just find the right person to bring the two together, to stand in front and convince us that our way is the authentic way, then we will truly be "God's assembly."

Then we will be the real Church!

"If We Can Just": is the belief that God's blessings for the Church can be received by us only after we have first done_____ (you fill in the blank). "If We Can Just", then, is nothing more than the worship of our own efforts to fix the Church. Or more precisely; it is our "helping God" to "save His Church".

BUT:

What if the Church isn't an organization at all?

What if it isn't about human rituals so much as divine promises?

What if it doesn't need a charismatic leader so much as pure gospel preaching?

What if the churches are not gatherings of people in whom you find God, but the people gathered together because God has found them, called them, elected them, is gathering them with His Word alone?

What if the congregating of the saints happens only because God sends His Gospel and gifts to be rightly preached and given in that place?

What if the true unity of the Church only needs the Gospel and faithful giving of the Sacraments?

What if all human traditions, all rites, all ceremonies, and institutions of men cannot add or detract from this reality?

What if salvation is completely Jesus' work?

What if His one Holy Church will continue until He returns, no matter what we do or don't do?

Is it possible God's Living Word is God's Word and is not affected by theology or reason or the institutions or commandments of men?

What if God sent twelve men into the world with one command: If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven. Baptize them into My name. Teach them My words. Trust Me on this one. In this, I am with you always, especially when it doesn't look like it or feel like it.

Well said! Yes, our Risen and Living Lord Jesus is with us. We need not ever fear for we are the Body of Christ. With all the fear and mad attempts to stave off the apparent collapse of American Christianity, remember the Church's future has never been nor ever will be in the hands of men. This is the great riddle of the Church's history from day one: the church lives because He lives. "He is risen!" In Him, in

simple childlike faith in Him, the church has outlived the demise of civilizations. Are we so narcissistic as to believe that our age is so very different? The Church will live on... because that is the will of God. If God desires the Gospel to be preached among our children, then it WILL happen as surely the sun will rise tomorrow. So let us pray for it! We show a lack of faith in Jesus' ability to be our Savior when we seek charismatic visionary leaders who proclaim that without our adoption of this new program or that new strategy, then the Church shall surely perish.

What a comfort it is for us to know that our Lord is truly the Lord of His Church and that the gates of hell (and even our own misguided efforts) cannot prevail against the Church. The Lord is Lord of His Church, His Body, and He will always be with it and sustain it no matter what we do or don't do. What comfort and assurance there is when we trust that.

In Jesus Name,

*Pastor
Paul.*



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Saturday - 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am
10:45am

**Communion will be offered
at every service.**



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