



## **Pastor's Corner Dear Church Family,**

I want to take a moment to thank you for recognizing the importance of continuing education in the life of a pastor. It is a time of growth, rest, connection with peers, and new insights — all of which are vital to serving you well.

You may not realize this, but being a pastor is a little...weird. At least outside the walls of the church! When conversations about my vocation arise with new people, their reactions generally fall into three categories:

1. **The Face Falls.** Some people instantly shut down. Smiles fade. They simply don't know what to do with the idea of meeting a pastor.
2. **The Confessors.** Others feel the need to confess their life's sins on the spot. (If I wear my collar to the grocery store, the trip can take hours!) Sometimes, I do it intentionally — to be a public witness to Jesus Christ. It never ceases to amaze me how the Spirit moves.
3. **The Long-Ago Churchgoers.** Then there are those who feel the need to explain all about the church they attended 20 years ago and their intention to get back to church...someday. I always smile and encourage them to find a church home — ours or another. Sometimes it ends in mumbles, but we keep asking. We keep inviting.

All this to say: *Continuing education, especially in person, gives pastors the rare and important opportunity to gather with others who understand this unique calling.* It offers space to share the particular joys and challenges of our congregations, to be spiritually fed in worship, to hear the Gospel preached to us, to learn, to pray, and to laugh — sometimes late into the night in conversations that are worth every moment of tiredness the next day.

The educational components themselves are as wide and varied as ministry is: family systems, pastoral care, preaching, engaging youth, intergenerational ministry, end-of-life care, and so much more. This learning can never end. It is part of faithfully stewarding the call I have received.

In May, I attended my required First Call Theological Education retreat with pastors from all three Iowa synods. We learned about expected growth and shrinkage patterns in rural, suburban, and urban areas — helping us have honest conversations about where we are, where we are going, and how we can serve with our communities for the sake of the Gospel.

Later in the month, I participated in the Festival of Homiletics. While the main conference was in Atlanta, I joined a gathering of ten other pastors in the hills of Dubuque, where we streamed keynote speakers, worshiped together, and shared in breakout conversations. It lowered the cost and increased the sense of community. Not every conference allows for such accessibility, and it was a special gift to learn not only within our own Lutheran circle but also from preachers and theologians across the wider Christian community.

I am deeply grateful for these experiences — and for you, who make it possible. Thank you for investing in my health, growth, and renewal as your pastor. It is a gift that bears fruit not just for me, but for all of us.

Peace,  
Pastor Bunny



## **Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting**

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15	16	17	18
22	23	24	25
<b>29</b>	30	June	

Mark your calendars for June 29, 2025 for our Semi-Annual Meeting. The meeting will begin immediately after Sunday service – basically 11:00 a.m. We will be electing Council Ministry Team chairs and hearing reports from the Synod Assembly, the Audit Team and a Treasurer's Report. Please plan to attend to stay up with the business of our church.

## **Phil and Andy's Pantry**



In June and July we are collecting summer snacks and convenient food items. That would be individual sized snacks like fruit, cheese/crackers, puddings, jello, and cookies and cake treats.

This is useful for kids during their summer vacation time from school and the whole family can delight in tasty snacks.



## **Sunday Morning Bible Study Update**

Sunday morning Bible Study is completed until fall. But the conversation doesn't have to stop! All members of the Sunday group are warmly invited to join the Wednesday Morning Summer Bible Study, which will begin meeting weekly at 10:00 a.m. starting this summer. It's a great way to stay connected, go deeper in faith, and enjoy fellowship in a relaxed setting.

Peace, today and always,  
Pastor Bunny

## **Youth News:**

June 1<sup>st</sup> will be the last day of Sunday School for the 2025 school year! We will still meet at 9 AM in the youth room downstairs. We will resume in the fall!

### **SAVE THE DATE**



Vacation Bible School Day Camp will be held July 21-24 from 9 AM – 3PM and July 25<sup>th</sup> 9 AM – Noon at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. We are SO excited to have counselors from Camp Ewalu in Strawberry Point lead us through a super fun week! Open to all elementary school aged kiddos (going into kindergarten-finishng 5<sup>th</sup> grade). We would also welcome any middle school/high school aged kids to help as a volunteer! Need a ride? We can help with that, too! Let Hannah or Pastor Bunny know!!

### **All Call Youth Meeting**

Have you ever had an idea for the OSLC Youth? We want to hear it! Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> just after service. This will be open to everyone! You do not need to be on the youth committee to attend! We plan to talk about different youth events, and how to keep our youth and families engaged! Please reach out to Hannah with any questions.



### **Hannah's New Email**

I have noticed that due to the overwhelming amount of junk email I get, I was missing important emails that were coming out my inbox. I tried to ask to have emails sent to my work email as well as my personal email, however there are gaps of days I may not be at work either. All that being said, I have a new email just for church!! If you need to send me an email, please reach me at [youthministry@crsaviors.org](mailto:youthministry@crsaviors.org). I have notifications set up and will hopefully be able to respond in a more timely manner and not miss out on important information. Thanks! Hannah

## **2025 Financial Update**

Contribution results for the week ending 5/18/2025:

General Giving: \$2,351.79

Total Giving: \$2,503.06

Weekly averages through 5/18/2025 (20 weeks):

Average Actual General Giving: \$4,122.93 (\$82,458.67YTD)

Average Actual General Expenses: \$4,194.80 (\$83,898.01 YTD)

The averages reported above are the averages of "actual" general giving and general expenses, not the forecasts.

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## **Readers**

June 1 – Karen Janney  
June 8 – Dale Hovden  
June 15 – Therese Plummer  
June 22 – Nancy Greer  
June 29 – Laurene Case  
  
July 6 – JoAnn Kohl  
July 13 – Laurene Case  
July 20 – Suzanne Schmitt  
July 27 – Hannah Plummer

**\*\*Readers can pick up their reading in the  
“Reader” mailbox located between the offices in  
the back hallway**

## **Acolytes**

June 1 – Korver Sindelar  
June 8 – Evy Fiester  
June 15 – Eric Strottman  
June 22 – Parker Zeien  
June 29 – Korver Sindelar  
  
July 6 - Evy Fiester  
July 13 - Eric Strottman  
July - 20 - Parker Zeien  
July 27 - Korver Sindelar

## **Assisting Ministers**

June 1 – Sue Clapp  
June 8 – Nancy Greer  
June 15 – Natalie Fiester  
June 22 – Hannah Plummer  
June 29 – Karen Janney  
  
July 6 – Ann Larson  
July 13 – Sue Clapp  
July 20 – Nancy Greer  
July 27 – Hannah Plummer

## **Ushers/Greeters**

June 1 – Strottman's  
June 8 – Dave Sampson, Marv Houg,  
Tom Zuber  
June 15 –Schmitt's & Ann Larson  
June 22 – Fiester's  
June 29 – Sue Clapp, Al Johnson  
  
July 6 – Stottman's  
July 13 – Dave Sampson, Marv Houg,  
Tom Zuber  
July 20 – Mark & Suzanne Schmitt  
July 27 – Fiester's

## **Prayer for Pastor**

June 1 – Arnold Strottman  
June 8 – Natalie Fiester  
June 15 – Laurie Strottman  
June 22 – Ann Larson  
June 29 – Nancy Greer  
  
July 6 – Laurene Case  
July 13 – Nancy Trout  
July 20 – Dave Case  
July 27 – Ardy Erickson

## **Children's Sermon**

June 1 – Hannah Plummer  
June 8 – Pastor Bunny  
June 15 – Joann Kohl  
June 22 – Hannah Plummer  
June 29 – Pastor Bunny  
  
July 6 - JoAnn Kohl  
July 13 - Hannah Plummer  
July - 20 - Pastor Bunny  
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## Serving Our Congregation

Bunny Dillard – Head Pastor

Hannah Plummer – Children & Youth  
Ministries Director

Sue Clapp – Congregation President

Forrest Green – Music Director

David Sampson – Treasurer

Terri Hodge – Bell Choir Director

Therese Plummer – Parish/Financial Secretary

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## From Easter to Ordinary Time: Living the Resurrection

The celebration of Easter is more than a single day; it is a whole season of joy and renewal! According to the church year, the Easter season lasts for fifty days — from Easter Sunday until Pentecost. This year, Pentecost falls on June 8th. During these weeks, our readings, prayers, and songs center around the incredible reality of Christ's resurrection. We hear stories of Jesus appearing to his followers, offering peace, hope, and the call to share the Good News.

In John 14, Jesus promises, *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid"* (John 14:27). Each Sunday of Easter invites us to lean deeper into that peace, even as the world around us remains uncertain.

At Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, who breathes life into the Church and sends us out to be Christ's witnesses. As Acts 2 tells us, *"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability"* (Acts 2:4). Pentecost marks not an ending, but a beginning — the launch of the Church's mission in the world.

After Pentecost, we move into a season called "Ordinary Time." Unlike how we often use the word "ordinary," in the church calendar it doesn't mean boring or routine! It comes from the Latin *ordinalis*, meaning "numbered," because the Sundays are counted, one after another, week by week. Ordinary Time is a season of growth — both in nature and in faith. Our readings will focus on Jesus' teachings and parables, helping us to live out the Gospel in everyday life.

**NOT-SO-ORDINARY**

Even as Easter fades from the calendar, the promise of resurrection never ends. Christ is risen — not just in the springtime, not just in the dramatic moments, but in every breath, every step, every ordinary day. I pray this next season be a time when we carry the joy of Easter forward, living as people shaped by hope, generosity, and the steady love of Christ.



## **More wine? Yes please!**

Our wine supply is low. If you would like to contribute funds to be used for the purchase of wine it would be greatly appreciated. Please note “wine fund” on your check and include with your offering. Or, you can leave your donation at the church office. Thank you!

## **Funeral Service Planning**

On Sunday, June 22th, immediately following worship, we will gather in the sanctuary for a brief and meaningful session focused on Funeral Service Planning. This time together is not about funeral home arrangements—those are important, but different. Instead, we’ll focus on the actual service held at the church: Scripture readings, favorite hymns, and personal touches that reflect your faith and life.

We’ll have hymnals and Bibles on hand so you can explore your options. You’re welcome to complete a plan that day or take materials home and think more. Completed plans can be given to your family and/or kept on file at the church. And don’t worry—these can be updated at any time.

Whether you’re 25 or 95, thinking ahead is a thoughtful act of love and faith. We hope you’ll join us for this opportunity.

## **Join Us!**

Did you know OSLC has a YouTube channel! You can help us and our capabilities by click on this link and **click “Subscribe”**; [Our Savior's Lutheran Church - YouTube](#)

Also follow and share us on Facebook; [Our Savior's Lutheran Church CR](#)

And don’t forget our webpage; [CRSaviors.org](#)

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## **Members Spotlight**

The Tidings would like to spotlight a member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church every month. If you or someone you know of has done something that would be nice to share with congregation (it doesn’t need to be church related), please send your nomination and information to Therese Plummer- [crsaviors@msn.com](mailto:crsaviors@msn.com) or Sue Clapp- [sueclapp73@gmail.com](mailto:sueclapp73@gmail.com)

## Korver Sindelar – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Martin Luther Presentation

We're proud to share that Korver Sindelar, a 7th grader at Harding Middle School, took 1<sup>st</sup> place locally in this year's National History Day competition! The theme was *Rights and Responsibilities*, and Korver chose to explore the legacy of Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation.

His project focused on Martin Luther's rights and responsibilities as a reformer—how he challenged the church of his time, stood firm in his convictions, and helped spark lasting change in both religious and civic life. As part of his presentation, Korver built a model church and dove into deep study. He interviewed Pastor Bunny, explored the meaning of Martin Luther's *solas*—three key teachings of the Reformation: that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, revealed in scripture alone—not by anything we can earn or buy—and made use of the *Book of Concord* to better understand the foundation of Lutheran belief and responsibility.



In April, he advanced to the State competition, where his family and Pastor Bunny had the joy of cheering him on and watching him beam with pride. We're already looking ahead to next year's project and the possibility of going even further!

Thank you for your prayers and kind words—they have been deeply felt and appreciated.

Korver will be sharing his project with the congregation **after worship on Sunday, June 8**, in the sanctuary. All are welcome to hear his presentation and celebrate with him!

With gratitude,  
Rachel and Korver Sindelar

## Congratulations, Korver!





## Appreciation Day

Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day serves to recognize the hard work and contributions of administrative professionals in the workplace. **Thank you, Therese, for all you do!**

