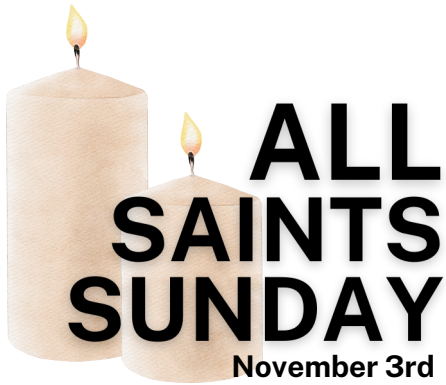


The Common Thread

Newsletter of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 3rd

During this service we will read the names of all our beloved who have gone before us into eternal life in the past year. If you have a name of a loved one you would like to have included in the service, please let the church office know by October 28th.



Sign up here to fill any of the roles for youth led Sunday. Youth ages 3-high school are encouraged to participate!

YOUTH LED SUNDAY

October 13th, 10am Service

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

2nd Tuesday of the Month at 7pm

This group is for anyone who has or is currently processing grief of any sort and would benefit from a confidential and supportive group who "gets it." The group is open to anyone in our community, so please invite anyone you think might benefit.

Your Gifts are Needed!

Can you help in one or more of these places?

- Communion Bread Bakers
- Sunday School, Connect, & Youth Teachers
- Meals for Youth
- Thanksgiving Meal



Bailee S. participating in youth group activity



From the Pastor's Office

If you have not already heard through the grapevine or figured it out for yourself, Carter and I are expecting another little girl the end of January 2025. While excited to add another child to our family, this time has been so very different - not only are we managing our hopes and expectations, but are balancing the emotions and expectations of two little girls who really aren't sure they want another sister. In fact, they are quite disappointed they aren't getting a brother and have found a multitude of reasons why a boy would be better and we should just switch this kid out.

It is an interesting thing trying to imagine a future with more chaos, more schedules and more being asked of us as parents. In my first two pregnancies, those fear filled and anxiety ridden conversations about how hard this would be or what were we thinking, were more hushed or kept to myself and not brought to the light of day. But now, they are at the forefront of our days each time my oldest reminds me that 2 kids is hard enough. I have spent hours trying to convince her that this could be a great thing.

Change can be scary, but change can also be full of hope and new life. Sometimes, I catch myself wondering if I'm convincing her or trying to convince myself that we have what it takes and we aren't crazy for entering into the world of parenting where you are outnumbered.

In my rollercoasters of emotions, of trying to stay excited and hopeful, while balancing the concerns and fears of the family, I have found this blessing to be one that speaks life to me. It is my hope that in the midst of whatever beginning or end, whatever change you might be facing in these days, that this might be a grounding blessing to you as well.

"Blessed are we standing in the hallway between closed doors and ones still to come, between the old and the new, between the worn-in and the doesn't quite yet fit, between who we were and who we might become. Blessed are we who take a minute to look over our shoulder at all we learned from what was, to the people we became, the people who loved us into becoming.

Blessed are we who trust this timing, and who open our hearts anew to change, to hope. Nervous, maybe heavy hearted, but brimming with gratitude for a life so beautiful it hurts to say goodbye.

*Blessed are we, turning our eyes ahead to a new path not yet mapped. God, give us courage to take this next step and enough for the one after that, too. Remind us that you have gone before, and behind, and around, and are with us now. In our leaving, in our arriving, in our changes, expected or shocking, surprise us with who we might become. " (Kate Bowler, *The Lives We Actually Have*)*

Grafton Conference Meeting

October 13th, 2-4pm at United Lutheran in Cavalier

Do you have ideas or concerns on how to do ministry in our rural area? Join us for an afternoon of conversation about what the future of ministry might look like in our conference.

Grafton Conference Fall Gathering with Synod Staff

November 2nd, 4:30-6:30pm at PRBC

Council & Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

This summer has been another busy one for buildings and grounds. The big project completed was the residing of the parsonage as well putting on new soffits, and fixing a broken garage roof rafter. This was essential as the old siding had significant damage and was even getting soft in places. We had budgeted for this large project in our annual budget so were able to complete the work within the normal budget. The most recent completed project is the parsonage deck. We were able to replace the old rotting deck at the parsonage with a new smaller one with exposed dryer vent and outdoor water faucet. There is still more work to be done. There always is when you are managing two large spaces, any home owner knows how that goes!

Future projects include: gutters for the parsonage, replacing rotting windows on the office addition, and addressing lighting on the interior of the church. No construction project is cheap so it is a constant balancing act to try to stay ahead of projects and addressing issues that arise and need to be done now.

We very much appreciate all of you who have given the building projects the last couple of years – it has made a tremendous difference to our physical spaces! If you feel called to donate to a specific project or just to helping with continuing expenses, please do so either through your normal offering or with a donation marked for the purpose. If you feel called to serve on the committee and help with the planning and execution of projects like this please contact Pastor or a committee member.

Submitted by Jordan Hollingsworth
On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee:
Larry Gaarder, Britt Jacobson, Orville Kjelland, Eugene Bossert, & Mike Helmeke

Next Council Meeting: October 9 @ 7:30pm

*** If you would like a copy of the council meeting minutes,
please request them in the church office or by email.***



Thanksgiving Community Meal:

It is our year to host and we are looking for a few people to head up the planning process. If you are interested, please let the church office or a member of council know.



Financial Snapshot

as of September 9th

2024 Revenue

\$146,218.05

2024 Expenses

\$144,846.93

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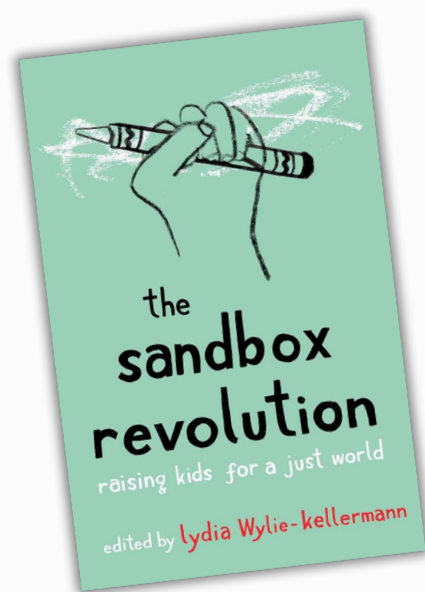
FALL YOUTH PROGRAM SERVICE PROJECT



Our Sunday School rooms got a facelift this fall - thank you to everyone who helped clean, paint, and stock the rooms!



Confirmation Sunday is October 13th



Adult Education

2nd Wednesdays, 6:30pm in October & November, (7pm) December.

It is a complex time to be a parent. Our climate is in crisis, and economic inequality is deepening. Racialized violence is spreading, and school shootings are escalating. How do we, as parents, cultivate in our children a love of the earth, a cry for justice, and a commitment to nonviolence? What practices do we hold as a family to encourage them to work with their hands, honor their hearts, and nurture their spirits?

The Sandbox Revolution calls upon our collective wisdom to wrestle with the questions, navigate the challenges, offer concrete practices, and remind parents of the sacredness of the work.

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