

Rejoice
in the
Lord
always;
again
I will say,
Rejoice!

The Messenger



Summer is here! Yay! God is good during all the seasons but somehow feels a little extra good during the early days of summer. We're going to be doing something kind of different and kind of fun beginning this month. Beginning on July 12th, we are having a 6-week sermon series called...



We experience the devastating power of evil in so many ways - yet in the face of a myriad of streams of news and commentary, it can be hard to point directly at a villain without shutting others' ears. By exploring villains in the Bible, we can create a kind of pattern recognition for discerning evil in the world. In learning this skill, we can then reflect on how God and/or God's people respond to the abuses of power with transformative love and liberation.

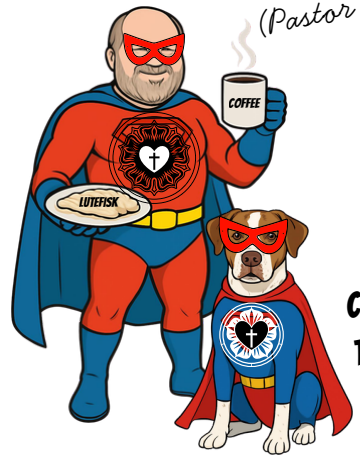
This is a 6-week, story-based series, not connected to the lectionary.

We will step out of the typical texts for a bit and look at the villains!

There will also be fun children's messages and, if you feel like you want to join in, we would love for some play actors to dress up like the villain of the week. Just let me or Kristen know if you are game.

Oh, one more thing: Connor will be kicking us off with **THE SERPENT** on July 12th.


(Pastor Luke)




JULY 12: THE SERPENT
Text: Genesis 3:1-7




JULY 19: THE PHAROAH
Text: Exodus 5
(or selections from Exodus Chapters 5, 7-14)



JULY 26: THE HERO
Text: 1 Samuel 17, 2 Samuel 11: 1-27




AUGUST 2: THE CROWN
Text: Matthew 2:1-18, Matthew 14:6-11



AUGUST 9: THE DEVIL
Text: Matthew 4:1-17




AUGUST 16: THE CROWD / PEOPLE
Text: Exodus 32, John 19:4-16



COFFEE IN HAND, LUTEFISK READY, HIS FAITHFUL COMPANION BY HIS SIDE, READY TO GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD TO DO GOOD AND SHARE FELLOWSHIP....
IT'S ...

SUPER LUTHERAN

Coming Fall 2026!

WHO:  KIDS Pre-kindergarten through 6th Grade!

MUSIC:  make a joyful noise to end our Sunday together!

WHEN:  During Sunday Service!


FAMILY SUNDAY!  3rd Sunday Each month Kids contribute and join in the service

OSLC Saplings



 **GROWERS WANTED** to help all saplings develop deep roots and grow strong

Not quite sapling size? Check out 

Nurturing  for Nursery

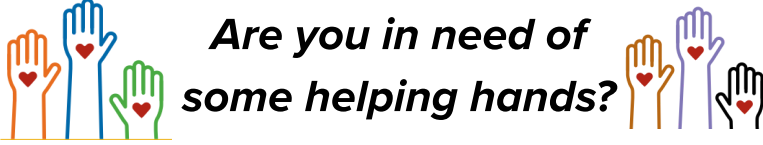
Seedlings Infant - age 4



Seedling watchers needed!

Help tend our littlest seeds

JULY 2026



Are you in need of some helping hands?

Do you have some fall yard work that needs to be done, bushes trimmed, leaves raked? Projects that physical or financial conditions you that are a bit out of reach and some helping hands would make a difference? Could we help you out for a few hours?

On **Sunday September 20, 2026** we're joining with other area churches doing God's work through our helping hands, serving our community and neighbors as we share a few hours and projects.

Please note, due to weather concerns—like fall rain—we can't take on painting or staining projects, or promise an alternate date for helper if the project can't be done on one day, but let's see how we can help and what we CAN do!

If you have a project and would like to be considered as a site for God's Work, Our Hands please contact the church office at 218-879-1535 by September 1, 2026.



Radio Broadcasts for July 2026

- 07/05 Joyce Jerde in memory of daughter Laurie Johnson.
- 07/12 Val Zack in memory of my mother
- 07/19 GOLDEN SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY!
- 07/26 Ron and Kathy Hanson in celebration of our 51st Wedding Anniversary!



God's work. Our hands.



Date	Location
06/21	Our Redeemer Church
07/12	Zion Lutheran Church
07/19	St. Paul's Lutheran Church
08/16	Our Savior's Lutheran Church
08/23	Good Hope Church



OSLC is planning already for September 20, 2026 and our participation in God's Work, Our Hands projects and we'd like to start collecting donations now and through the summer to help our neighbors.

If you are able to help us out, we will be collecting baby care items for ages 3 months to 24 months and school supplies:

- Sleepers
- Receiving Blankets
- Sweatshirts
- Sweaters
- Pens
- T-shirts
- Pencils
- Rulers
- Pencil Sharpeners
- 70-page Spiral Notebooks
- Blunt Scissors
- Crayons (16-24 count)

Summer is a GREAT time to find these items at rummage sales!

These items can be brought to the church office.

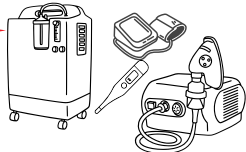
Thank you!

Update

Haiti

We are pleased to be able to report that the 6 large boxes we shipped recently have all arrived safely at the clinic on June 6/11/2026.

This time, in addition to the usual diabetic supplies and wound care dressings, we sent 20 flat sheets and some pillow cases for the clinic's beds which were greatly appreciated. We were also able to supply some specialty equipment the staff had requested



(2 oxygen concentrators, a blood pressure machine, a nebulizer, an oximeter and a digital thermometer).

This shipment also supplied sutures, suture removal kits, incontinence supplies and various miscellaneous supplies that were needed.

Your continued support, in financial donations, supplies and prayer, is critical to keeping the Sante' 2000 clinic in Limbe' Haiti open. Prayers especially for the mental health of the staff working in such difficult circumstances are tremendously helpful. Dr. Manno, his staff and their patients are all extremely grateful.

Thanks so very much from the Ministry in Medical Mission!



Mary Krohn for Ministry in Medical Mission
 Want to add your support for Haiti?
 Scan here and donate through Vanco: -->



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FOR RENT

GREAT SPACE AVAILABLE!

2,865 Sq Ft, R-2 Zoned

Area available may be rented in full or as 2 separate units.

Want more info?

Contact: Church Office
Jill Elwood Sarah Klyve
Shannon Matzdorf
Kathy Rye Sue Stahl

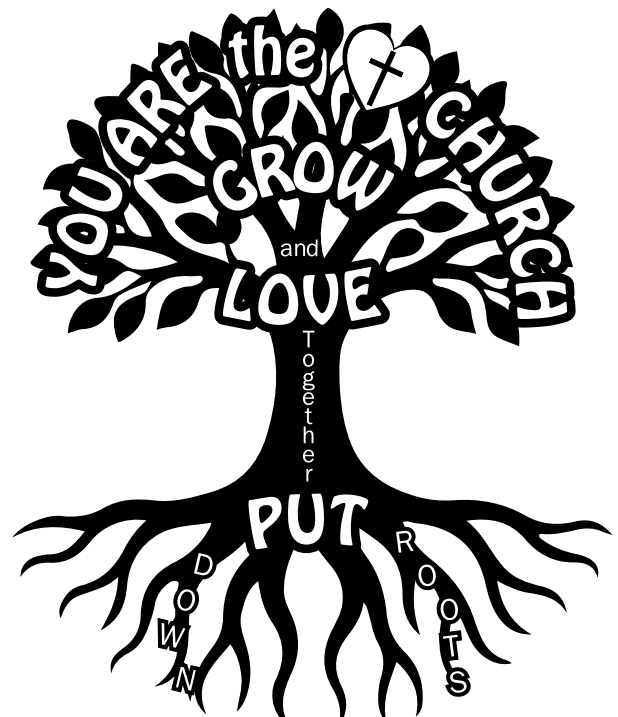
FOOD SHELF SUNDAY
 The first Sunday of the month is designated as Food Shelf Sunday.

Monetary gifts collected help BOTH
 Second Harvest and Cloquet Salvation Army.

Every \$1 donated ensures 3 meals for families, children, and seniors in need.

Let's share our blessings.
 Thank you from Katie Nisula, Irene Rudnicki, and Jen Behrens

Contributions
 05-25-2026 to 06-21-2026
\$474.00 THANK YOU!



Your generosity makes EVERYTHING possible!

Become a sustainer TODAY
 In-person, via the mail, or online!

Use the QR code for secure recurring giving or even for special donations.
 Or download the Vanco Mobile App!



thank you

AUGUST 21-22, 2026 Old Rummage Sale

SAVE THE DATE! JOIN THE FUN!

Bring in your good/working condition items. New or GENTLY used will do!

Items NOT ACCEPTED for the 2026 sale:

- TVs
- Playpens
- Cribs
- Car Seats
- Stuffed Animals
- Computers / Electronics
- Helmets
- Encyclopedias / Textbooks
- Large Furniture

• For any large items you will need permission PRIOR to dropping off

Sale Setup:
August 19-20
VOLUNTEERS Needed!

Questions?
Contact
Sue Stahl
218
390
7356

Drop off Donations
AFTER
August 5, 2026
to Room #18 off Door #3



SAVE THE DATE

JULY 12

CONGREGATION MEETING

Stay and VOTE to advertise Horizon Hall Lease!

THANKS!
from the Council Advisory Team (CAT)
and the Congregation Council (CC)

Present: Brad Browers (Worship, Arts and Music), Bob DeCaigny (Secretary), Jill Elwood (Youth), Connor Hecht (Past President), Lisa Hecht (Stewardship), Linda Holmstrand (Fellowship and WELCA), Kobe Kadelbach (Vice President), Shannon Matzdorf (Welcome), Kathy Rye (Palanca Mutual Ministry and Church in Society), Marty Rye (Properties), Deb Templeton (Treasurer)

Unable to attend: Roxanne Frederick (Christian Education), Sarah Klyve (President), Pastor Luke Lekander, NHCP

1. Welcome and Sharing of Highs and Lows: Members shared as they chose.

2. Devotion and Opening Prayer: Kobe Kadelbach – Centered on Joshua 1:9.

3. Approval of June 16, 2026 agenda: Connor made a motion and Deb seconded to approve the agenda as written, the motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of May 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes were approved via email.

5. Treasurer's Report/ Financials

- Deb provided the following information from Bruce's report: for May income was \$20,157 compared to our budget of \$20,038 (\$119 over plan) and expenses were \$18,587 compared to our budget of \$19,130 (\$544 under plan) for a gain of \$663. Year-to-date 2026 is \$1,448 ahead of plan.

6. Pastor's Report

- Since we last met, Church in Society planned and executed the first Pollinator Sunday worship at Our Savior's. I think it was a fun and inspirational service. A huge shout out to everyone who helped make it possible! New Wine was also here once again. It is a fruitful ministry, and I am glad that we provide a way to support New Wine each year. Thanks to Brad for accommodating them with the sound set-up. I completed pre-marital counseling with a couple this month and will be starting pre-marital counseling with another. The Inter-Faith worship was wonderful. A woman that regularly attends is working with the staff to put on a "revival" this summer in the Inter-Faith parking lot. We have been invited to represent Our Savior's at this event. The date is TBD. Shannon Matzdorf has agreed to begin discussing with Council ideas for showing up at this event. I presided over one baptism and one wedding this month and went on one visit.

7. Team Leader Reports

- Christian Education: Vacation Bible School is next week. Thank you to all who are making this fun, faith filled week happen for many children. We are getting our marketing info together with the amazing work of Kristen Adams. We will have info cards to hand out at VBS for our upcoming Sunday School year with all of the new changes. Sunday School will have a whole new and exciting look, name and details to include the very youngest of our children. Very exciting and more to come. We need leaders and teachers for Sunday School and volunteers for the nursery. Spread the word.
- Church Properties: Thanks to Chris and Joe Robinson for installing the office air conditioning. The scouts were a huge help for cleanup day, thanks to them. The property survey will occur soon. The energy audit is to be forwarded to all Council members.
- Palanca Mutual Ministry: We are meeting every other Wednesday during the summer months and will resume our weekly meetings in Sept. Distributing the inputs received at Lenten services to the Teams. Keep praying.
- Welcome: We are setting up an intergenerational pickleball group. This year we'd like to start by doing a "learn to play" day. We're looking for church members of any age to help instruct at the training. We are planning a church walk and campfire for fall.
- Fellowship: B&B Market will provide the food for the picnic 7-29. The picnic planning is almost complete.
- NHCP: No report
- Stewardship Team: The summer event mailing was sent out. Discussed the rummage sale, items can be dropped off in August. Details can be found in the Messenger.
- Worship, Arts & Music: We hosted New Wine at the May 31st service. Most of the music groups are taking a break for summer. The search for video booth operators continues, and a few folks have expressed interest.
- Youth Ministry: At the end of May the leaders of Middle School Youth Group (MSYG) met to brainstorm ideas for future activities, speakers, lessons, and snacks. Jill met with one of our teens to discuss any changes they would like to see with MSYG, possible development of Senior High Youth Group, and their thoughts for options with busy youth and confirmation classes. We are working with the Christian Ed Team to lead VBS 6-22 to 6-25. There are six to eight Middle School youths who will be assisting with VBS this year. We will purchase and decorate a cake for the 6-21 service at which our graduating seniors will be recognized.
- WELCA: Nothing new to report.
- Church in Society: We hosted Pollinator Sunday 6-7 and dedicated the new Pollinator Plot. Thank you to everyone who helped get the area ready. We are planning a Blanket Exercise for the fall, more info to come.



8. Old Business

- Community of Hope: One dinner will be held at Our Savior's over the summer on August 16th.
- New Horizons committee findings: The final report was sent out via email to the CAT and CC members. A huge thank you to committee members Kathy Rye, Jill Elwood, Sue Stahl and Shannon Matzdorf for all their work as a committee and putting the report together. The final report will be made available to the Congregation for review and a Congregation meeting will be scheduled for 7-12 after service in order to get authorization for the CAT and CC to rent the space and develop rental terms (see Constitution section *C5.03.i.).
 - Kobe made motion and Shannon seconded to hold a special Congregation meeting 7-12-26 after worship service to get authorization from the Congregation for the CAT and CC to work together to rent Horizon Hall and develop terms, the motion carried unanimously.
- Painting the Narthex paneling: Tabled for the summer. Connor requested this be moved to the action item list.
- IT Update: The Starlink system was installed for internet, and it is working very well. The new server will require a new router to work more effectively. The phone system is being considered for replacement with a voice over I/P system.

9. New Business

- Revival Day: A resident at Inter-Faith Care Center would like to see a day planned where the churches come together at the Inter-Faith facility to raise community awareness of God and faith. Shannon discussed the possibility of other Teams being involved with Welcome to develop involvements by OSLC. No date has been set yet.
- Raised Bed Garden: Pastor Luke is working with the Scouting America Pack and Troop here at Our Savior's to host a raised bed vegetable garden for people in need of fresh food. See Addendum I for details.
 - Kobe made a motion and Connor seconded to approve the installation of a raised bed garden per the information provided in Addendum I.

10. Action item review: The list was reviewed and updated as needed.

11. Next Meeting July 21, 2026, 6:30 p.m.: Devotion and opening prayer--Fellowship.

12. Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

12. Adjournment: Jill made a motion and Kobe seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., the motion carried unanimously.

Addendum I

Pastor Luke is working with the Scouting America Pack and Troop here at Our Savior's to host a raised bed vegetable garden for people in need of fresh food. We would need to approve the building of a 4'x8' raised garden bed on Our Savior's property and provide access to water. We obtained a grant to get the initial bed supplies for free. The scouts will maintain the garden and work with Our Savior's to give the food away. We will also weigh the food and keep track of how much was given. This is a four year commitment. Will you discuss this at the next CAT meeting and bring it to Carlton County for approval please?

Q: Will a location be picked where water is available? If not, cost to install, who will do it and pay for it? Don't think it's feasible to haul through the building.

A: There is water available outside my office so we will look there first.

Q: Cost to OSLC? Initially and ongoing per year.

A: All up front costs are covered. Planting new each year will be managed through Scouting. No cost to OSLC outside of water rates.

Q: Scouts keep it up totally or will it require intervention by others? e.g., trimming around the beds, raised bed maintenance, weeding, etc.

A: If the Scouts fall behind with upkeep (which I'm sure they won't), Donna and I will take care of it. This is near and dear to both of us.

Q: Are the vegetables organic? Concerned about pesticides or other chemicals getting on the produce. Don't want to see anyone get sick.

A: All sustainable growing practices, no pesticides. Carlton County Public health backs the project as is available to help with any issues that may arise.

Q: Who has the scale for weighing the veggies? If to be purchased, how much and by who?

A: Public health provides the scale.

Q: Is the area to be fenced? Concerned that it may get raided.

A: No fences. I am of the belief that food cannot be stolen, only eaten. If people take produce, it will likely still fill a belly.

Peggy DeCaigny made a suggestion, and I agree that it is a good one. The 4x8 bed could go in the fenced childcare area. We would place it 2 feet out from the wall (see attached photo) and it would sit nicely between two windows outside the 3-4-5 rooms. We could either make the 2ft area completely weed free or it could be weed whipped (properties can guide us on their preference). There are two water spigots within the fenced area though I don't know if both work. If they both do work, we could set up a drip watering system for the raised bed while also leaving a spigot free for the pollinator garden. If only one spigot is operational, we could share it and manually water the raised bed. If childcare moves back into the space, I think an agreement could be worked out with the Scouts where the raised bed could serve as an educational tool as well as a way to feed our community. Who knows, maybe some future childcare families in need could benefit from the produce.



The bed will be assembled by the Salvation Army in town on June 18th. We will need to place the bed shortly afterwards. If this site does not work for CAT & CC for some reason, there is also a spigot outside my office. Though I think having the pollinator and produce gardens work together would provide a wonderful visuals of the miracles of Creation for our community to enjoy. Imagine sitting on a bench next to the pollinator garden and seeing bees or butterflies flitting back and forth between the two gardens.

I will be on vacation. Chris Robinson is not available for the 6-16-26 CAT meeting (he will be out of town for work). Please direct any questions to both of us, however. Hopefully, between the two of us, we can reply in a timely manner despite our both being out of town. We both agree that the site inside the fenced area is ideal and we both advocate strongly for this site to be selected.



Friends - we have a holy roof and it is currently blessed with leaks.

While grateful for the gifts of rain, we think we should make sure our little ark isn't taking on too much water and mend our sanctuary roof.

Our goal - get the shingle roof replaced by October 2026, improving insulation and ventilation and installing lifetime shingles.

This sturdy building endeavor has an expected price tag of \$200,000-\$250,000 as well as a CHALLENGE and a matching carrot.

Many of you have earmarked contributions for this roof repair already - THANK YOU. The Endowment will also be supporting this slowing of heavenly drippings. We now look to you to help us plug the funding holes - this is the challenge!

What about the carrot? We have some members who have stepped forward and made a commitment to provide \$50,000 in matching funds for NOAH more leaks!

So let's refurbish our sanctuary roof together!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jul 2

- Anthony Abbott

Jul 3

- Sharon Harney
- Annika Korby
- Beau Lennartson
- Karen Macaulay
- Richard Mattson
- JoAnne Pearson
- Amelia Udenberg

Jul 5

- Sandra Strand

Jul 6

- Liz Sinisalo

Jul 8

- Linda Eastgate

Jul 9

- James Jensen
- Gavin Painter

Jul 10

- Connie Male

Jul 11

- William Buytaert
- Elise Gangelhoff

Jul 12

- Brooke Nelson

Jul 13

- Michael Cadotte
- Carter Lust

Jul 14

- Sebastian Tuve

Jul 15

- Kirsten Koskela

Jul 16

- Dane Hoffman

Jul 17

- Sandra Elias

Jul 18

- Emma Parks

Jul 20

- Reijo Rahkola

Jul 21

- Laec Lekander

Jul 23

- Cory Christofferson

Jul 24

- Greta Klyve
- Mikayla Paul

Jul 25

- Maggie Breuer
- Wendy Gamache
- Jennifer Robinson

Jul 27

- Dennen Hanson

Jul 27

- Ryan Carroll
- Karen Manni

Jul 28

- Robert Fountain
- Nate Robinson

Jul 29

- Avery Elias
- Linda Holmstrand

Jul 30

- Carol Forse
- Jacob Parks

Jul 31

- Julie Birkemeyer
- Tami Boyd
- Harrison Hamann



July Volunteers



Altar Guild

- 07/05 9:30 Sherri Waller
- 07/12 9:30 Linda Boyd
- 07/19 9:30 Sherri Waller
- 07/26 9:30 Rob Macaulay

Communion Servers (Palanca Mutual Ministry):

- 07/05 9:30 Denny Painter, Shannon Krikava, Rich Krikava
- 07/12 9:30 Ron Stahl, Jim Boyd, Denise Mykkanen
- 07/19 9:30 Roy Ober, Sherri Waller, Linda Holmstrand
- 07/26 9:30 Kathy Rye, Shannon Matzdorf, Rob Macaulay

Readers

- 07/05 9:30 Gavin Painter
- 07/12 9:30 John Mykkanen
- 07/19 9:30 Jan Salo-Korby
- 07/26 9:30 Keith Matzdorf

Ushers

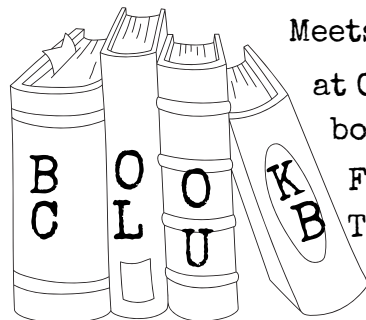
- 07/05 9:30 Hagen Family
- 07/12 9:30 Randall Family
- 07/19 9:30 Matzdorf Family
- 07/26 9:30 Jim and Linda Boyd, Sherri Waller

Sound Board Operators

- 07/05 9:30 **HEAR NEED VOLUNTEER!**
- 07/12 9:30 Randy and Amy Stahl
- 07/19 9:30 Terry and Sue Nanti
- 07/26 9:30 Randy and Amy Stahl

Video Booth Operator / Video Editor

- 07/05 9:30 **NEED OPERATOR** / Brad Browers
- 07/12 9:30 **NEED OPERATOR** / Brad Browers
- 07/19 9:30 **NEED OPERATOR** / Brad Browers
- 07/26 9:30 **NEED OPERATOR** / Brad Browers



Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7pm

at Our Savior's in the Fireside room to discuss various books of interest for both men and women.

For more information contact Jan Larson or Mary Krohn.

The July book is "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge.

The August book is "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi.

	<u>May 26 Budget</u>	<u>May 26 Actual</u>	<u>YTD 2026 Budget</u>	<u>YTD 2026 Actual</u>
Income	20,038	20,157	108,627	110,614
Expenses	19,130	18,587	110,283	110,822
2026 Net Income	908	1,570	(1,656)	(208)
2025 Net Income	(427)	(2,600)	(4,637)	559

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Offering Needed</u>
May 31	118	2,376	3,915
June 7	107	9,834	4,744
June 14	134	3,507	4,744
June 21	100	4,153	4,744
Totals	459	19,870	18,147

Gifts & Memorials:

- Robert and Peggy DeCaigny in memory of Jimmy Lekander-Pastor Luke's father-to Gifts and Memorials
- Roy and Linda Ober in memory of Jimmy Lekander-Pastor Luke's father-to the music fund
- Katie and Jerry Nisula in memory of Jimmy Lekander-Pastor Luke's father-to Gifts and Memorials



Our Savior's Lutheran

Church Picnic

Food! **Music!**

Activities!

Wednesday
July 29, 2026 | 5-7pm

Free Family-Fun Event!

All Are Welcome!

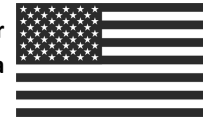



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Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the members of our congregation that are former or current military. Please contact the Church office for any other members we may have missed or if any of these names should be removed.

Tim Schlenvogt
 Tim Larson

Erika Blesner
 River Krikava



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 pastorluke@oursaviorscloquet.org

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Church Office Hours: Sat-Sun: CLOSED
 Mon-Thurs: 8:00 am - 2:30 pm
 Friday: 8 am - Noon


Deadline for submitting articles is the 15th of the month.
 Articles submitted after the 15th will be published in the next issue.
 If possible, e-mail your article to: email@oursaviorscloquet.org.




Join us for Worship!

In Person and on  Sundays at 9:30am

 **YouTube**
 By 3:00 pm Sundays

 **Radio**
 WKLK AM 1230
 @ 11:00am Sundays

CAT-7 Broadcast 
 3:00pm - Thursday
 3:00pm - The Following Sunday

Please remember the following friends below not always able to join us on Sundays:

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Mabel Clemens | Sharon Harney |
| Robert Fountain | Lyle and Candy Hultgren |
| Ray Manisto | Carol Maki |
| Joan Essen | Karen Splett |
| Carolyn Watson | Donna Redding |

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June 2026

Upcoming Events!

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See all the colors; zoom in for easy reading.
Let the office you'd like to be added to the email list. You can even get the PRINT and the E-Version!

