



The Messenger



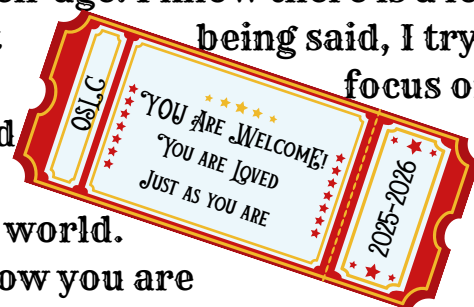
RALLY DAY

**IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER,
WHICH MEANS IT IS TIME TO CONSIDER
JOINING OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS THIS YEAR.**

When I took confirmation (back in the 80's), it was a different world. Wednesday was considered a "church day." We released from school a bit early to head to our local places of worship. This means, I took confirmation classes when there were no school activities scheduled. No practices. No concerts. No games. No clubs. Just church. Before you think it, I am not becoming a grumpy old man! I don't lament the way things were. To me, that way of thinking never leads to anything good. Instead, with God's grace, I embrace things as they are.



I know our students are busier than we ever were at their age. I know there is a lot of pressure on them and their time is limited. With that being said, I try to make the demands of confirmation low and instead focus on quality time with God and with each other. It may sound counterintuitive, but spending a little more time each week in confirmation can help ease the demands of the world.



A lifegiving group that spends its time learning about how you are loved and how to love each other can help one to be re-energized and re-focused on what is good in the world. It creates a safe space for our students to open up and talk about the realities of life and how God's love is ever present. The world has changed around us, and I strive for confirmation to meet modern challenges of parenting and growing up.



THIS WAY  Please consider joining confirmation this year. We will be launching a new curriculum called **LUTHERAN YES!** Designed for a new generation, this hands-on curriculum gives students real choices, real agency, and real ways to discover how faith takes shape in their lives. So, stop by and see me on September 13th during rally day to learn more about confirmation: the calendar, events, curriculum, and how you can get involved.



If the 13th is not convenient for you or your student, call the office or reach out via email and we can connect a different day.

I look forward to another wonderful year of confirmation at Our Savior's Lutheran!

Pastor Luke

STARTS
09-27-2026!

WHO:
 **KIDS** 
Pre-kindergarten
through
6th Grade!

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

Saplings

WHEN: 
During Sunday Service!

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

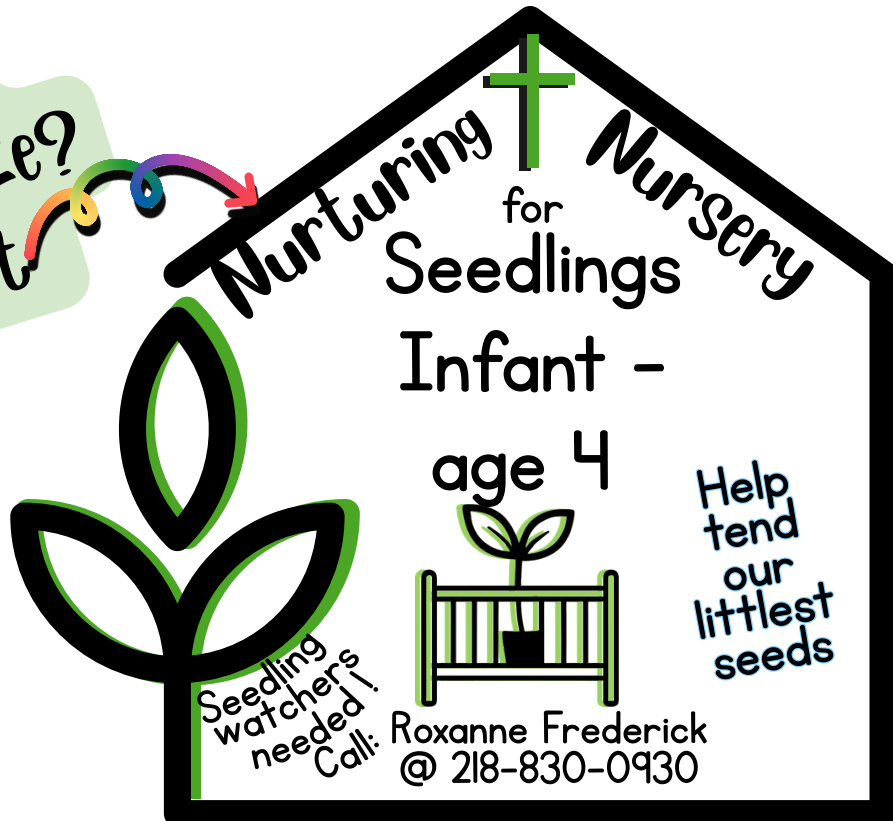


GROWERS WANTED
CONTACT

to help all saplings develop deep roots and grow strong
Roxanne Frederick @ 218-830-0930

Not quite
sapling size?
Check out

Enjoy the little
seeds during
service and
send them
home to grow!



Nurturing for Seedlings Nursery

Infant -
age 4

Help
tend
our
littlest
seeds

Seedling
watchers
needed!
Call: Roxanne Frederick
@ 218-830-0930

20 SEPTEMBER 2026



God's work. Our hands.



We collect many personal care, clothing and school supply items that we donate through this project. If you are able to donate, see the list of items on the board in the narthex.

***BIG hands? little hands? Young ones? Old ones?
Got hands? Use 'em!***

Join us **September 20, 2026** for God's Work, Our Hands. Bring the whole family, friends of all ages - this is a great chance for us to do things together! Can you lend a hand? Sign-up sheets are in the church narthex. Show off your team spirit and wear your gold GWOH t-shirts on 9-20-26. Don't have a team GWOH tee yet? Shirts will be available! Roll up those sleeves and put hands to work in a variety of ways across generations and the community.

LET'S GO LUTHERANS!!



Donated materials may be brought to the church office by **September 13, 2026**

Thank you!

Community IFCC Gathering

FAITH • FRIENDS • FOOD • FUN

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

INTER-FAITH CARE CENTER

811 3RD STREET • CARLTON

LIVE MUSIC

FACE PAINTING

GAMES & ACTIVITIES

REFRESHMENTS & TREATS

PRAYER & ENCOURAGEMENT

FELLOWSHIP & COMMUNITY

This special gathering was inspired by a 96-year young Inter-Faith resident whose dream is bringing people of all ages and churches together to share friendship, encouragement, and God's love.

Celebrating Grandparents Day!

JOY OF COMMUNITY

ENCOURAGEMENT

GOD'S LOVE

FRIENDSHIP



Ministry in Medical Missions

Update

Haiti

The folks at the Sante' 2000 clinic in Limbe' Haiti had their annual diabetic "Super Group" session on August 8, 2026. At this session they had 230 of their diabetic patients as well as several other visitors learning more about diabetes and its potential complications. They had a speaker on appropriate nutrition and diet for people with diabetes. Additional risks of wounds when you have diabetes and how to properly care for them was also covered. Dr.Manno's community really appreciates this annual training event. This event is supported by funds and supplies from MMM.

In addition the clinic is working to repair a leaky roof over their laboratory. As part of this repair they are exploring the possibility of adding space for a few more beds. The 10 bed "hospital" portion of the clinic has been getting heavy use.

Mark your calendars: There will be an apple festival fund raiser on October 4, 2026, at Zion Lutheran Church. Jam will be available there as well as apples from the trees at Zion, apple juice, apple tasting and fun music. Thank you for your continued support in prayer, supplies and finances.

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: -->



Radio Broadcasts for September 2026

- 09/06 Roy and Linda Ober in celebration of our 55th Anniversary!
- 09/13 Jim and Linda Boyd in celebration of our 58th Wedding Anniversary AND our twin granddaughters 20th birthday on 9-14!
- 09/20 Dorothy Myre in celebration of Ron and Sue Stahl's Anniversary and Ron's Birthday!
- 09/27 ???? In Celebration of our 60th Anniversary 10-1!



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.

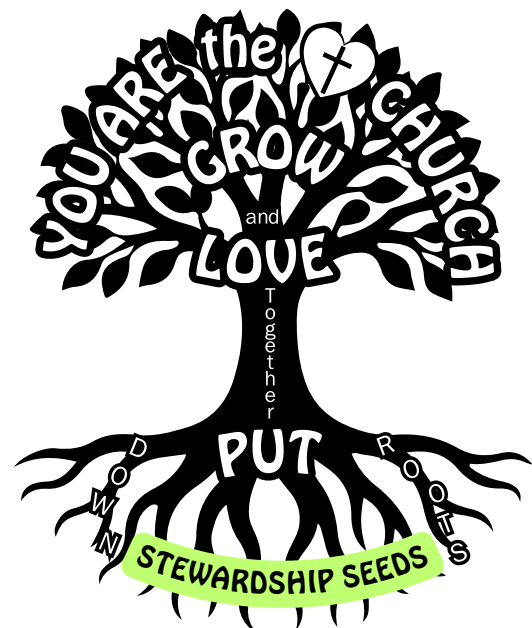
Let's share our blessings.

Thank you from Katie Nisula,
Irene Rudnicki, and Jen Behrens

Contributions

07-27-2026 to 08-23-2026

\$318.00



Fall is the time to plan for the upcoming year at OSLC and how our mission and activities are supported and grown.

We're farmers in faith, but as Lutherans, we're also practical - that means we know it takes funding for the operating expenses which enable us to make our missions and ministries real.

Near the end of September look for a letter from outlining plans and requesting your pledge of support for 2027.

Please prayerfully evaluate your current giving and be thoughtful and purposeful as you think about your support.

Thank you from the Stewardship Team

Your generosity makes EVERYTHING possible!



COME ONE
COME ALL!

Fellowship Hall
10:45-Noon

OSLC
RALLY SUNDAY!
September 13, 2026
ALL ARE WELCOME!

★ **FREE**
ADMISSION! ★

OSLC
YOUNG ADULT GROUP
-SAPLINGS!-
-NURTURING NURSERY!-
-YOUTH GROUP!-
-CONFIRMATION!-
2026-2027

TREATS

SIGN-UP FOR:

GAMES

PRIZES

OSLC

**SAPLINGS &
NURTURING
NURSERY**

**YOUTH GROUP

CONFIRMATION**

**YOUNG ADULT
GROUP**

NOW SEEKING!
★SAPLING &★
★NURTURING NURSERY★
GROWERS
&VOLUNTEERS★
WE WANT YOU!
CONTACT:
ROXANNE FREDERICK @ 218-830-0930
OR
JILL ELWOOD @ 218-390-5435
**HURRY!
HURRY!
HURRY!**

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), Pastor Luke Lekander, Shannon Matzdorf (Welcome), Kathy Rye (Palanca Mutual Ministry and Church in Society), Deb Templeton (Treasurer)

Unable to attend: Roxanne Frederick (Christian Education), Marty Rye (Properties)

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

2. Devotion and Opening Prayer: Properties (given by Kathy Rye) – Centered on today, Never Give Up Day.

3. Approval of August 18, 2026 agenda: Bob made a motion and Jill seconded to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of Old Business item e. and New Business item c., the motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of July 21, 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 July income was \$22,264 compared to our budget of \$18,688 (\$3,575 over plan) due to five months of CD interest of \$2,900 not being budgeted as it was thought funds would be needed for the sanctuary roof replacement project and expenses were \$18,296 compared to our budget of \$18,874 (\$577 under plan). Year-to-date 2026 is \$6,855 ahead of plan.

6. Pastor's Report

- Since we last met, I have completed pre-marital counseling for a young couple whose wedding I will preside over this weekend. We have officially wrapped up the sermon series "Villains of the Bible." I have received a lot of positive feedback and found it personally fulfilling. I hope to explore another series in the future. The church picnic, though indoors, was a lot of fun again this year. I enjoyed drumming with the Praise Team. I led the monthly Inter-Faith Care Center Service and look forward to their upcoming celebration/ grandparents day. I led two memorial services and went on one visit this month..

7. Team Leader Reports

- Christian Education: The Sunday School Saplings will take place during service starting in September. We are in need of teachers, helpers, and nursery attendants for the Seedlings. Please spread the word and contact either Roxanne at 218-830-0930 or Kristen at 218-879-1535. A new confirmation curriculum will be ordered for use this year.
- Church Properties: The second boiler will have its main gas valve replaced. Office lights replacement will be the first action item undertaken in response to the energy audit recently completed. The property line survey is going to be completed prior to winter.
- Palanca Mutual Ministry: Nothing new to report.
- Welcome: We will work with Christian Ed to hold the rally Sunday carnival on 9-13. We're also participating in the Inter-Faith Care Center event to promote Christian fellowship on 9-13. We will be running games and activities at both events. We plan to help those attending the synod dinner gathering at our church feel welcome, four people from our team will attend. We will ask our youth who are currently in confirmation to help. Planning for our annual Trunk or Treat event on Halloween day and will have a sign up soon.
- Fellowship: The team hosted the annual July picnic, held indoors due to a heat advisory warning. About 70 people attended, enjoyed traditional picnic fare and sang along with the Praise Team. Some upcoming events were discussed - the Chili Cook-Off, with an October date TBD and a Christmas Bake Sale in December. Fellowship Team and Welcome Team members together will be local hosts for the Synod Mission Dinner here on 9-29.
- Stewardship Team: The team is working on the rummage sale set for 8-21 and 22. We will have a team meeting this week to discuss our plan for the fall pledge drive.
- Worship, Arts & Music: The Praise team assisted with music for the annual picnic. A team meeting is planned for August, and the music groups will be gathering soon to rehearse for the Fall season. We are excited Regina Roemhildt is joining us as handbell choir director. Touch-up organ tuning needs to be done, and video booth computer work is expected to speed up the processing of our service videos during the editing process.
- Youth Ministry: Planning will begin for Middle School Youth Group and options discussed for Senior High Youth Group. Planning will also begin for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis 8-28 to 7-2-27. If you are interested in helping with Senior High Youth Group or planning for our young people's attendance at the National Youth Gathering, please contact Jill Elwood or Kristen Adams. Considering the development in Youth Ministry the Council discussed potential options for a paid leadership in this area to keep momentum up and enhance growth.
- WELCA: Nothing new to report.
- Church in Society: Nothing new to report.

8. Old Business

- Community of Hope: OSLC hosted the community meal 8-16. Next one at OSLC is 9-13.
- Revival Day: Chaplain Rebecca at Inter-Faith Care Center is coordinating a community event on 9-13 from 2 – 4 p.m. Any church that would like to participate is welcome. Shannon asked if anyone would like to share music or sing during the event to contact her. The event will have worship, fellowship, music and food.
- Community Ed Request for Rental Space: Pastor Luke had the discussion with Erin Bates and the rental appears unlikely.
- President replacement: Connor is willing to take the President's role for the remainder of the term (until April 2027). The officers recommend the CC approve this action.
 - Kobe made a motion and Shannon seconded to appoint Connor Hecht to fill the vacated President's office until April of 2027, the motion carried unanimously.
- IT update: All the projects discussed over the past few months have been completed except for the video booth computer hard drive upgrade.

9. New Business

- Sanctuary roof replacement bid approval – Bruce Larson forwarded the following information to church leadership...
 - Jamar: doesn't do shingles, recommended Joe Billings Construction as an option.
 - Joe Billings Construction: considered the project, but Joe has been in Alaska for several weeks and declined to bid as they are too busy at this time.
 - Commercial Roofing (that has done several of our rubber roofing projects): doesn't do much shingle work, so would be "over \$300,000" if they were to bid.
 - Andrew Elias Enterprises LLC: \$208,388 bid forwarded to church leadership. Andy (an OSLC member if you don't know him) said 9-15 is the tentative start date.
 - Kobe made a motion and Shannon seconded to award the sanctuary roof replacement project to Andrew Elias Enterprises LLC per the conditions specified in the request for proposal document at a cost of \$208,388, the motion carried unanimously.
- Young Adult Group: Kobe and Marianna Kadelbach will begin this ministry 8-25 with a meeting at 5:30 p.m. The group is about creating a place where people can come together, build genuine friendships, and walk through life alongside one another. Life has its ups and downs, and we want this group to be a space where we can talk openly about both — celebrating the good moments, supporting each other through the difficult ones, and knowing that we don't have to figure everything out alone. We also want to grow together in our relationship with Christ. This isn't meant to feel like a formal Bible study every time we meet, but rather a community where faith is part of our everyday conversations and where we can encourage one another as we learn what it means to follow Jesus in our daily lives. Another important part of this group is looking beyond the walls of the church. We want to come up with ways we can serve, help, and make a positive difference in the community around us. Ultimately, we hope this becomes a group built around friendship, real life, faith, encouragement, and serving others — a place where young adults can belong, grow together, and make an impact.
- Seminarian Support Fund: Pastor Luke advocated a designated fund be established for those attending seminary. Options were discussed at the CAT meeting and the following plan presented; the disbursement of funds will be given to our current seminarian, Connor Hecht. Funds can be used at his discretion to support him as needed during his time as a seminarian. Expenses do not have to meet any qualifications, do not require receipt expenditure documentation and payment schedule can be set-up between Connor and the OSLC bookkeeper, Bruce Larson. In the future the plan will be modified as needed, e.g., if there were more than one seminarian from OSLC at any time.
 - Kobe made a motion and Shannon seconded to approve \$1,000 from the net income for FY2026 YTD to be used as "seed" money in the establishment of a designated account named Seminarian Support Fund which will be operating according to the plan presented above, the motion passed unanimously.

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

11. Next Meeting September 15, 2026, 6:30 p.m.: Devotion and opening prayer--Secretary.

12. Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

12. Adjournment: Linda made a motion and Lisa seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m., the motion carried unanimously.



Installation

Bishop Taryn K. Montgomery

Northeastern Minnesota Synod



Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will preside and preach.

Clergy are invited to vest and process.
The color of the day is red.

A light reception will follow the service.
Childcare will be provided.

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026
2:00pm

First Lutheran Church |
1100 E Superior St. |
Duluth, MN



Northeastern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Bishop Installation
(to help with
logistics)





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more leaks

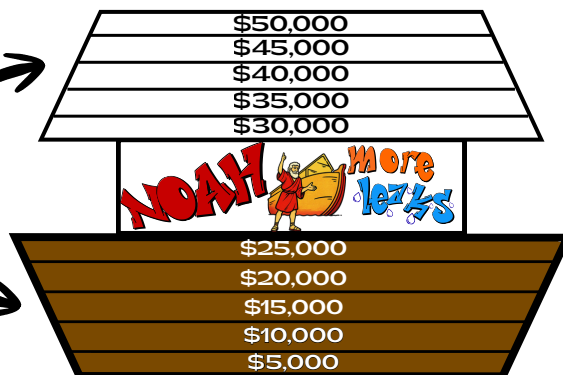
CHALLENGE

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

- The roof rebuild bid of \$208,000- ACCEPTED!
- Project starts: mid-September 2026
- Efforts to raise \$100,000 has been jump-started by several members who have pledged a total of \$50,000 if matched by the congregation
- This means every \$1 you donate gets DOUBLED!
- Over \$25,000 of the match has already been received
- Want to spread out your support over time - GREAT!
- Is it a gift above regular giving? THANK YOU! Please note "ROOF REBUILD"



PROGRESS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sep 1

- Jane Bakke
- Jenifer Behrens
- Dane Kiehn
- Allison Ringat

Sep 2

- Bob DeCaigny
- Bruce Jutila

Sep 4

- Bonnie Christopherson
- Alisa Paul

Sep 5

- Olivia Jutila

Sep 9

- Chris George
- John Jorgenson
- Carter Jutila
- Remington Richter Seguin

Sep 10

- Isaac Gladen
- Zily Kotera

Sep 11

- Morgan Petoletti

Sep 12

- Matthew Johnson
- Dean Kolenda

Sep 14

- Ellise Boyd
- Kaia Boyd

Sep 16

- Betty Lavan
- Luka Stephens
- Deb Templeton
- Harleigh Umhauer

Sep 17

- David Gerth
- Clayton Kazmierczak
- Emmett Kazmierczak
- Pete Swanson
- Jacob Vargason

Sep 18

- Virginia Stottrup

Sep 19

- Olivia Macaulay

Sep 20

- Logan Lymer

Sep 21

- Cashel Wood

Sep 22

- Eli Maunu

Sep 23

- Katie Elwood
- Mike Klyve
- Ron Stahl

Sep 24

- Mati Menze

Sep 26

- Evelyn Krikavan

Sep 28

- Scott Elwood
- Samuel Painter
- Leif Petoletti

Sep 30

- Ronald Hanson
- Thomas Heren
- Levi Swanson

Altar Guild

09/06 9:30 Linda Boyd
09/13 9:30 Sherri Waller
09/20 9:30 Linda Boyd
09/27 9:30 Bonnie Christopherson

Communion Servers (Palanca Mutual Ministry):

09/06 9:30 Cindy Haglin, Dean Haglin, Jim Boyd
09/13 9:30 Linda Jankowski, Sherri Waller, Shannon Matzdorf
09/20 9:30 Curt Nelson, Linda Holmstrand, Denise Mykkanen
09/27 9:30 Kathy Rye, Marty Rye, Roy Ober

Readers

09/06 9:30 Chris Wagner
09/13 9:30 Ron Stahl
09/20 9:30 Avery Elias
09/27 9:30 Linda Eastgate

Ushers

09/06 9:30 Hagen Family
09/13 9:30 Randall Family
09/20 9:30 Matzdorf Family
09/27 9:30 Jim and Linda Boyd, Sherri Waller

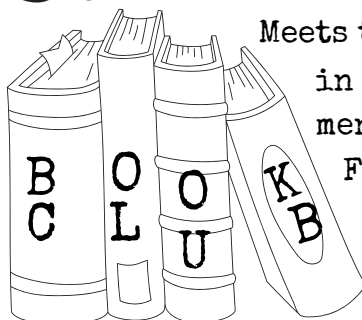
Sound Board Operators

09/06 9:30 Randy and Amy Stahl
09/13 9:30 Terry and Sue Nanti
09/20 9:30 Terry and Sue Nanti
09/27 9:30 Randy and Amy Stahl

Video Booth Operator / Video Editor

09/06 9:30 Kelsey Rye / Kelsey Rye
09/13 9:30 Kelsey Rye / Brad Browers
09/20 9:30 Bruce Larson / Kelsey Rye
09/27 9:30 Bruce Larson / Brad Browers

**Prepare to
plant the
POLLINATOR
PLOT!**



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 September book is "The Lion Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali.

The October book is "Brave the Wild River" by Melissa Sevigny.

	<u>July 26 Budget</u>	<u>July 26 Actual</u>	<u>YTD 2026 Budget</u>	<u>YTD 2026 Actual</u>
Income	18,688	22,264	146,753	152,473
Expenses	18,874	18,296	151,885	150,749
2026 Net Income	(185)	3,967	(5,132)	1,724
2025 Net Income	78	1,994	(5,439)	3,610

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Offering Needed</u>
Aug 2	96	5,893	3,665
Aug 9	88	5,462	3,665
Aug 16	104	3,622	3,665
Aug 23	98	3,683	3,665
Totals	386	18,660	14,660

Gifts & Memorials:

- Jane Oswald in memory of Larry Carlson to the New Roof Fund
- Nancy Sobczak to the Haiti Medical Mission - thank you Dr. Manno and everyone at the clinic for their work!
- Susan Ingram in memory of John B. Erickson to the Pollinator Plot
- Katie and Jerry Nisula in memory of Karen Erickson to the Roof Fund

THANK YOU!

for the prayers for my hernia surgery.

It went well and I just know that those prayers made the difference!

Jane Oswald



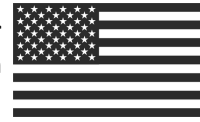


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Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the members of our congregation that are former or current military. Please contact the Church office for any other members we may have missed or if any of these names should be removed.

Tim Schlenvogt
Tim Larson

Erika Blesner
River Krikava



 <https://www.facebook.com/oursaviorscloquet>

Pastor: Pastor Luke Lekander (ext. 11)
pastorluke@oursaviorscloquet.org

Visitation: visitation@oursaviorscloquet.org
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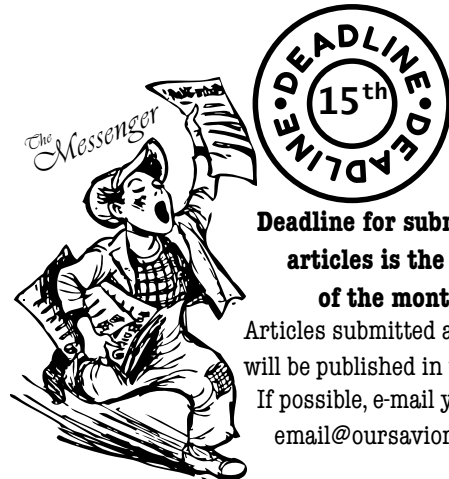
Administrative Assistant: Kristen Adams (ext. 10)
email@oursaviorscloquet.org

Accounting: Bruce Larson, Bookkeeper
bruce@oursaviorscloquet.org

Sr Choir/Praise & Worship: Ryan Hanson, Director
ryan.hanson77@gmail.com

Church Website: oursaviorscloquet.org

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



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:*

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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Upcoming Events!

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