



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Beloved People of Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

As I settle into my role as your new pastor, I want to take a moment to express my deep gratitude for the warm hospitality you have shown me. From our very first encounter, it was evident that this community is filled with kindness, generosity, and a genuine spirit of welcome.

Your ideas, energy, and commitment to our shared journey have truly inspired me. Every conversation we've had and each prayer we've shared has reinforced my sense of belonging and purpose. I am thankful for the ways you have opened your hearts and homes, making me feel right at home.

Another opportunity that thrills me is starting confirmation lessons and first communion classes. First Communion marks a significant moment in a young person's life, where they experience the beauty of the Eucharist. It's a celebration of faith, family, and community, reminding us of the importance of nurturing our spiritual lives.

Confirmation, on the other hand, empowers our youth to take ownership of their faith. It's a rite of passage that equips them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, guiding them to live out their beliefs with confidence and purpose as a step in their faith journey.

Our commitment to education doesn't stop with the youth. It's crucial that people of all ages engage in ongoing faith formation. Whether you're a parent, grandparent, or someone seeking to deepen your understanding, there's always something new to learn! I am excited about the upcoming Bible studies on Sundays and Wednesdays starting in October. These gatherings will provide us with the opportunity to deepen our understanding of Scripture, share our insights, and grow in faith together. I look forward to the conversations we will have and the connections we will strengthen as we explore God's Word.

Thank you once again for your warmth and support. I am eager to embark on this journey with all of you, growing together in faith and community.

Peace, today and always

Pastor Bunny Dillard



Youth News:

Reminder! Sunday School is every Sunday at 9 AM. All are welcome!!

Trunk or treat Saturday, October 19th is the annual Trunk or Treat at Gloria Dei. OSLC will have a couple of trunks there so come join the fun and get some candy! We will need some candy to hand out- so please consider donating to our stash!!

Pumpkin Carving Saturday, October 26th join us in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 for pumpkin carving! Pumpkins, carving tools, and snacks will be provided. On Sunday, October 27th pumpkins will be displayed for the congregation to vote for their favorite via change and small bills. Contact Hannah with questions!

Confirmation Class We are so excited to bring back a confirmation class to the OSLC youth!! If you know a middle school student who is interested in furthering their Christian education as they transition into an adult within the church, please let Hannah, Natalie, or Rachel know - we would love to get them involved! There will be an informational meeting at some point later this fall. Please reach out with any questions.

First Communion Class Do you know an elementary aged kiddo that would like to graduate from goldfish to communion wafers? We are planning to have a first communion class this upcoming fall. Plans are still being made but if you know a child that is interested, please let Hannah know!!

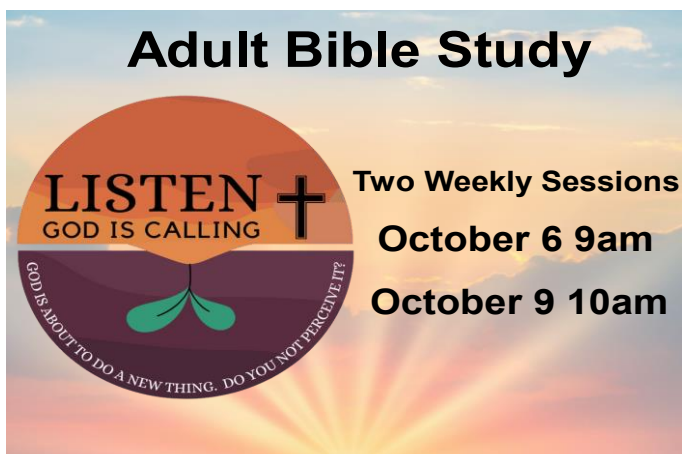
Adult Bible Study

We are excited to announce a new opportunity for spiritual growth and reflection with our upcoming Bible Study series, "Listen, God is Calling." This special three-session study will explore how God is continually reaching out to us in various aspects of our lives: within our congregation, through our personal discipleship, and in our service to others.

Sundays, starting October 6, 9:00 - 9:40 AM

Wednesdays, starting October 9, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

We hope this study will spark thoughtful discussions and that the Spirit will guide us in being faithful disciples. As we journey together, we will ground ourselves in the promise that God is always with us.



Polka Service – October 13th

Please join us again this year for Our Savior's Polka Service on October 13th at our regular 10:00 time. As is with tradition, Darlene and Neil will be joining us with their accordions and we will embark on some familiar hymns set to a polka beat. Following service there will be a German themed meal for everyone included on the menu is brats, hotdogs, potato salad, chips and cookies – a free-will offering will be taken. Invite your friends and family. Come one come all. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from Therese's office for the meal, so we know how many to prepare for.



POLKA MUSIC

Eat Out Night for Kenwood

October 9th Lindale Arby's Kenwood School is having a fundraiser on October 9th at the Lindale Arby's. Some of the Kenwood parents and students will assist to clean tables and help serve patron's from 4:30 to 7:30 on that day. In return Arby's is giving the school 10% of the earnings during that period of time. So, if you would like to help Kenwood out by stopping by for your evening meal, they would be so appreciative!

Phil and Andy's Pantry - October



The month of October, we will be collecting canned fruits. That will include such fruits as peaches, pears, pineapple, apples, apple sauce, fruit cocktail and apricots. Next time you are at the grocery store perhaps get a couple or more cans to help fill Phil and Andy's cart.

Thrivent Members

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? Do you know that you can apply for funds to be used for activities at our church? Have you ever checked to see if you have Thrivent Choice Dollars that can be sent to our church? Recently, Sue Clapp and Dale Hovden were able to secure some funds to support the luncheon at Pastor Bunny's Installation and for some of the upcoming Youth Fundraising Activities. If you have investments and are interested in learning more about how to access funding for other church events, please let Sue Clapp know about your interest.

Assisting Ministers Needed!!

Have you ever thought about being an Assisting Minister but didn't think it was possible because you didn't (or couldn't) sing the liturgy?? There are other options. . . the liturgy does NOT have to be sung – it can be read!! Parish & Staff is looking for volunteers to join the Assisting Minister Ministry. If you have any interest at all – do not be shy!! You can contact any of our current assisting ministers - Hannah, Jeremiah or Nancy, they would be happy to give you any details or feel free to talk to Marcia Adix or Ann Larson from Parish & Staff. Thank you!

Fellowship Hour after Sunday Service

In September we started our Fellowship time after Sunday Service. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from Therese's office. Pat and Diane have graciously agreed to continue to make coffee so all that needs to be provided is treats. Our Fellowship hour is a very special time where we can catch up with our Christian family and is enjoyed by so many. Please don't forget to sign up.

New Church Directory

The directory is being developed on an online site at InstantChurchDirectory.com. We believe this to be a secure site and only people with an email address in the directory can access it online. Once we have a good number of entries, we will be able to print directories for those without email or just prefer a hard copy.

In the next few months, we will continue to enter information such as names, address, phone numbers and email addresses – basically anything you wish to be published for our church members only. There will also be opportunities to have your family pictures taken at church. You may choose to send in your own family picture – either one recently taken professionally or just from a phone camera. If you prefer, you may submit your contact information and not have a picture included.

If you have email, once your information is entered, I will notify you with directions to access the directory. You will sign in as a member using your email. Next, you will be sent an email to verify your email. Then you can create your own password and view the directory online. Your entry only will have an edit button so you can make any changes needed.

This is the perfect time to get a new directory. The last one was done in 2014 and now we have a new Pastor, along with many congregation changes.

Feel free to contact Sue with any questions or concerns at Sueclapp73@gmail.com or 319-360-9021. Also, please call or send in your information so you can be included in the directory.

Thank you from Pastor Cindy

Thank you so much for the gifts, cards and well-wishes on my last Sunday. May you all continue to experience God's many blessings. It was an honor and my pleasure to serve you. Pr. Cindy

Meet Pastor Bunny

We invite you to join us in getting to know Pastor Bunny at the church or in the comfort of your home. These gatherings are a wonderful chance to share your stories, learn more about Pastor Bunny, and welcome her to our community. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from Therese's office. You can just write down your name and phone number and Pastor Bunny will contact you to set up a time and place.

Readers

October 6 – Lori Hayes
October 13 – Dorothy Medlang
October 20 – Ann Larson
October 27 – Laurie Strottman

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

Assisting Ministers

October 6 – Hannah Plummer
October 13 – Jeremiah Miller
October 20 – Nancy Greer
October 27 – Jeremiah Miller

Acolytes

October 6 – Evy Fiester
October 13 – Eric Strottman
October 20 – Parker Zeien
October 27 – Korver Sindelar
November 3 – Natalie Fiester

Ushers/Greeters

October 6 – Dave Sampson, Marv Houg,
Tom Zuber
October 13 – John Fiester family
October 20 – Mark & Suzanne Schmitt,
& Ann Larson
October 27 – Sue Clapp, Al Johnson

Prayer for Pastor

October 6 – Ann Larson
October 13 – Nancy Greer
October 20 – Laurene Case
October 27 – Nancy Trout
November 3 - Dave Case

Children’s Sermon

October 6 – Pastor Bunny
October 13 – JoAnn Kohl
October 20 – Hannah Plummer
October 27 – Pastor Bunny
November 3 – JoAnn Kohl

Sunday School Teaching Schedule

October 6 – Hannah Plummer
October 13 – Rachel Sindelar
October 20 – Natalie Fiester & Jeremiah Miller
October 27 – Hannah Plummer
November – 3 - Rachel

Serving Our Congregation

Bunny Dillard – Head Pastor
Sue Clapp– Congregation President
David Sampson – Treasurer
Therese Plummer – Parish/Financial Secretary
Hannah Plummer – Children & Youth
Ministries Director
Forrest Green – Music Director
Terri Hodge – Bell Choir Director

Pastor Bunny’s Installation – It’s Official She’s Ours!!!

Pastor Bunny’s Installation was held on Sunday, September 22nd at our 10:00 service. Our Fellowship Ministry, Al Johnson and Nancy Trout had a wonderful meal afterwards – thank you so much! Hannah and her Youth decorated and made things feel very festive! Pastor Dan Kuckuck from Southeastern Iowa Synod was here to preach and also do Pastor Bunny’s Installation. Thank you to all who participated - it was a grand celebration and we are thrilled to have Pastor Bunny at Our Saviors! Please see some of the pictures that were taken at both the service and the dinner afterwards.

Images from Installation Sunday – September 22







***Congratulations,
Pastor
Bunny!***



Images from Luncheon following Installation







Sunday Morning Study



Sunday School Sundae Sunday

