

## Please Lift in Prayer

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- ✝ Marin Bultena
- ✝ Beverly Andersen
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- ✝ Kobee Sherman
- ✝ Jeremy Beherendsen
- ✝ Gayle Westergaard
- ✝ Pastor Carol Marohl
- ✝ Family & Friends of Gary Larsen
- ✝ Family & Friends of Margaret Kroupenske

## Welcome Visitors

We're so glad you're here!

If you'd like to become a new member, please talk to Pastor Max by calling 507.227.4787 (or scan the QR Code below) to talk about what it takes to become a member and to discuss potential dates.

We sincerely hope to see you again very soon!



# Announcements

## Superintendent & Teachers Needed



### OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are looking for a Superintendent and Sunday School Teachers for next year.

Please let Belinda Holm know if you are interested.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Honoring  
Morris & Lynne Elcock  
August 6, 2023 ❖ 11:30 AM-ish

We invite you to join us following the SVLC worship service to help celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Morris and Lynne Elcock.

### OSLC WORSHIP HELPERS: JULY 23

Reader..... Krista Schaeffer  
Acolyte/Communion Helper ..... Volunteer  
Music ..... Praise Band

### SVLC WORSHIP HELPERS: JULY 23

Reader..... Brett Mellem  
Acolyte/Communion Helper ..... Summer hiatus  
Music ..... Praise Band

### LOOKING AHEAD: JULY 30 - 9:00AM

Reader..... Joe Schafer  
Acolyte/Communion Helper ..... Volunteer  
Live Stream..... Maxx  
Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons

### LOOKING AHEAD: JULY 30 - 10:30AM

Reader..... Brett Mellem  
Acolyte/Communion Helper ..... Summer hiatus  
Live Stream..... Janet Munkvold  
Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kroupenske

**July 30** - Genesis 29:15-28, Psalm 119:129-136, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

### JULY COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH

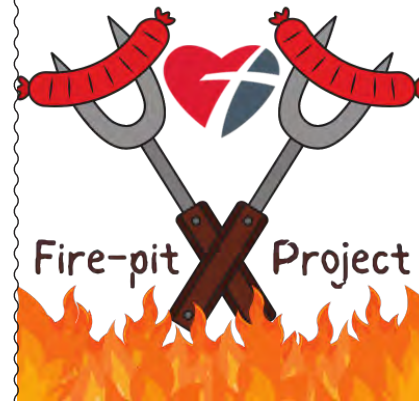
- ✝ Joe & Teddy Schafer
- ✝ Fred & Janet Holmberg
- ✝ Jay & Melanie Parsons
- ✝ Jon & Krista Schaeffer

### JULY USHERS

- ✝ Matt and Michelle Sorensen
- ✝ Mitch Larsen
- ✝ Morris and Lynn Elcock

### CHURCH CLEANERS: July 16 - 29

Kim Flint, Deanna Gall, Janet Munkvold, & Anna Munkvold



Fire-pit Project



RALLY Sunday  
Septemeber 2023

oslc and svlc



HAUNTED HOUSE  
VCIS YOUTH  
2023

## We now have THREE potential Thrivent Projects!

We have three new projects for which we are seeking funding assistance:

1. The Fire Pit Project at Parish Hall
2. Rally Sunday events for both OSLC & SVLC happening in September
3. The VCIS Haunted House Fundraiser

Please scan the QR code or visit:

<https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>

to learn how you can help!



Closing Song ... To Be Alive

Chorus

To be alive is to live the love that is alive in  
God's saving Son who brought us back from  
a life of death to be alive

So we live mercy, hope, and freedom  
loving one another to be whole (Chorus)

Verse 2

Join the singing join  
the celebration Jesus lives,  
we are restored. Love alive giving and forgiving  
loving one another to be whole (Chorus)

Verse 1

There is nothing I can do to save me  
only God carries us home.

Dismissal (Postlude) ... I've Got Peace Like A River

**Last Day for Registration!**

★ **SVLC VBS**



★ **July 24-27 • 8:30-11:30AM** ★

It's going to be a **STELLAR TIME!** ★



Join us for 4 days of singing, learning and FUN!



Registration  
Deadline is July 23, 2023.  
Please Register today!

**Parsons Golf Outting**

Come and golf! Tee time is 9:00AM. There will be mini-games at each hole sponsored by the VCIS as well as a noon meal. You do not need to be a golfer - good, bad, or otherwise - to join in the fun!



**SVLC Church Cleaning**  
August 3 • 6:00pm

It's time that the church gets cleaned up before fall hits! Come out to the church and see what needs to be done.



Everyone welcome!



*Our Savior's & Spring Valley*  
Partner Congregations in Lutheran Worship  
Joint Worship at Swan Lake  
July 23, 2023 • 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation ... Father I Adore You

Father I adore you and I lay my life before you. How I love you.
Jesus I adore you and I lay my life before you. How I love you.
Spirit I adore you and I lay my life before you. How I love you.
Three in One I adore you and I lay my life before you. How I love you.

Confession & Absolution ... Lord I Need You (with Confession)

Verse 1
Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Verse 2
Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus 1
Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Chorus
Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
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Confession

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
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Passing the Peace ... Shake Another Hand

Song... Blessed Be Your Name

AUTHORS Beth Redman, Matt Redman CCLI SONG #3798438

Blessed be Your name, in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name, when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name

that we may also be glorified with him.
18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.
20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope
21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in

the pains of childbirth until now.
23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.
24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?
25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Sermon

Offering ... Messiah

Verse 1
Someone's shouting from the desert,
someone's shouting from the sea,
Someone's shouting from the valley,
someone's shouting from the valley

Verse 3
Someone's shouting "I am broken", someone's shouting, "make me whole",
Someone's shouting, "come and change me",
someone's shouting "save my soul!"
(Chorus)

Chorus
Messiah... come and be our king (repeat)

Verse 2
Someone's shouting from the city,
"I am young, I am cold",
Someone's shouting from the country,
"I am lonely I am old". (Chorus)

Offertory Prayer
Merciful Father, We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People ... The Spirit Intercedes for Us
The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction ... As You Go on Your Way
As you go on your way may Christ go with you. May He go before you to show you the way. May He go behind you to encourage you. Beside you to befriend you. Above you to watch over. Within you to give you peace.

[Pre-Chorus]  
Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in,  
Lord, still I will say

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[Chorus]  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

[Chorus]  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
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[Verse 2]  
Blessed be Your name,  
when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's, "all as it should be",  
blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name,  
on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
blessed be Your name

[Bridge]  
You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord, blessed be Your name

[Chorus]  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Prayer of the Day  
**Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Song ...Sanctuary  
**Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you**

First Reading ... Genesis 28:10-19a  
<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran.  
<sup>11</sup> And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup> And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup> Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be

blessed. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."  
  
<sup>18</sup> So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup> He called the name of that place Bethel...

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

Psalm 86:11-17  
<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.  
<sup>12</sup> **I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.**  
<sup>13</sup> For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

<sup>14</sup> **O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.**  
<sup>15</sup> But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

2nd Reading ... Romans 8:12-25

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.  
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<sup>16</sup> **Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant.**  
<sup>17</sup> Show me a sign of your favor, that those who hate me may see and be put to shame because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Gospel Acclamation...Thy Word  
**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (repeat)**

The Gospel Reading... Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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