

Please Lift in Prayer

- ✝ Barb Larsen
- ✝ Gary Busse (family friend of Pastor Max)
- ✝ Larry Larsen
- ✝ Family & Friends of Craig Jensen
- ✝ Jerry Pike
- ✝ Ron Fystro
- ✝ Autumn Grace Beaner
- ✝ Karen Voeg Johnson
- ✝ Marin Bultena
- ✝ Beverly Andersen
- ✝ Art Wirth
- ✝ Kobee Sherman
- ✝ Gayle Westergaard
- ✝ Pastor Carol Marohl

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



We have TWO Thrivent Projects!

We have two projects for which we are seeking funding assistance:

1. Rally Sunday events for both OSLC & SVLC happening in September
2. 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!



OSLC WORSHIP HELPERS: AUGUST 20

Reader..... Fred Holmberg
 Acolyte Volunteer
 Communion Asst. Volunteer
 Live Stream..... Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

SVLC WORSHIP HELPERS: AUGUST 20

Reader..... Charlene Overgard
 Acolyte Summer Hiatus
 Communion Asst. Summer Hiatus
 Live Stream..... Janet Munkvold
 Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

LOOKING AHEAD: AUG 27 @ 9:00AM

Reader..... Kayla Mehlhaf
 Acolyte Volunteer
 Live Stream..... Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Praise Band

LOOKING AHEAD: AUG 27 @ 10:30AM

Reader..... Faydra Christensen
 Acolyte Summer hiatus
 Live Stream..... Janet Munkvold
 Organist/Pianist Praise Band

August 27 - Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 138, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

AUGUST COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH

- ✝ Fred & Janet Holmberg
- ✝ Robert & Marilyn Christensen
- ✝ Steven & Linda Holmberg
- ✝ JoAnn Hansen

AUGUST USHERS

- ✝ Gary and Karen Larsen
- ✝ Gene Larsen
- ✝ Ray Nielsen

CHURCH CLEANING: AUGUST 20 - SEPTEMBER 6

Elaine Lee, Brenda Lee, Kaye Lee, Katie Smit

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MTG
 August 23 • 7:00PM

VCIS Parents' Meeting

7:00PM • Parish Hall
 August 30, 2023



It's a new year. Time to look forward to what the future will bring. If you have children in the 7-12th grade age group that might be interested in

Youth Group, come to the meeting!

Offering Hymn "Create in Me a Clean Heart" LBW 186

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.

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Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Communion

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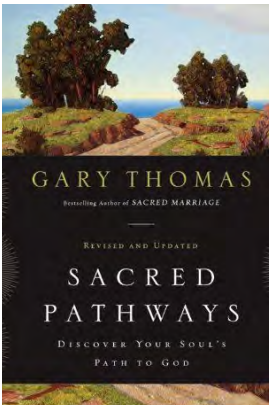
Hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LBW #479

Post-Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Hymn "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name" LBW #262



Sacred Pathways Book Study with Ellie

Starting August 27 at 6:00PM, Ellie will be starting a study over the book "Sacred Pathways" by Gary Thomas. There are 4 books available if you would like to borrow one!

All are welcome! Please direct your questions to Ellie 605-216-1159.

We'll be meeting at 200 N Kemper (Whitehead Residence)



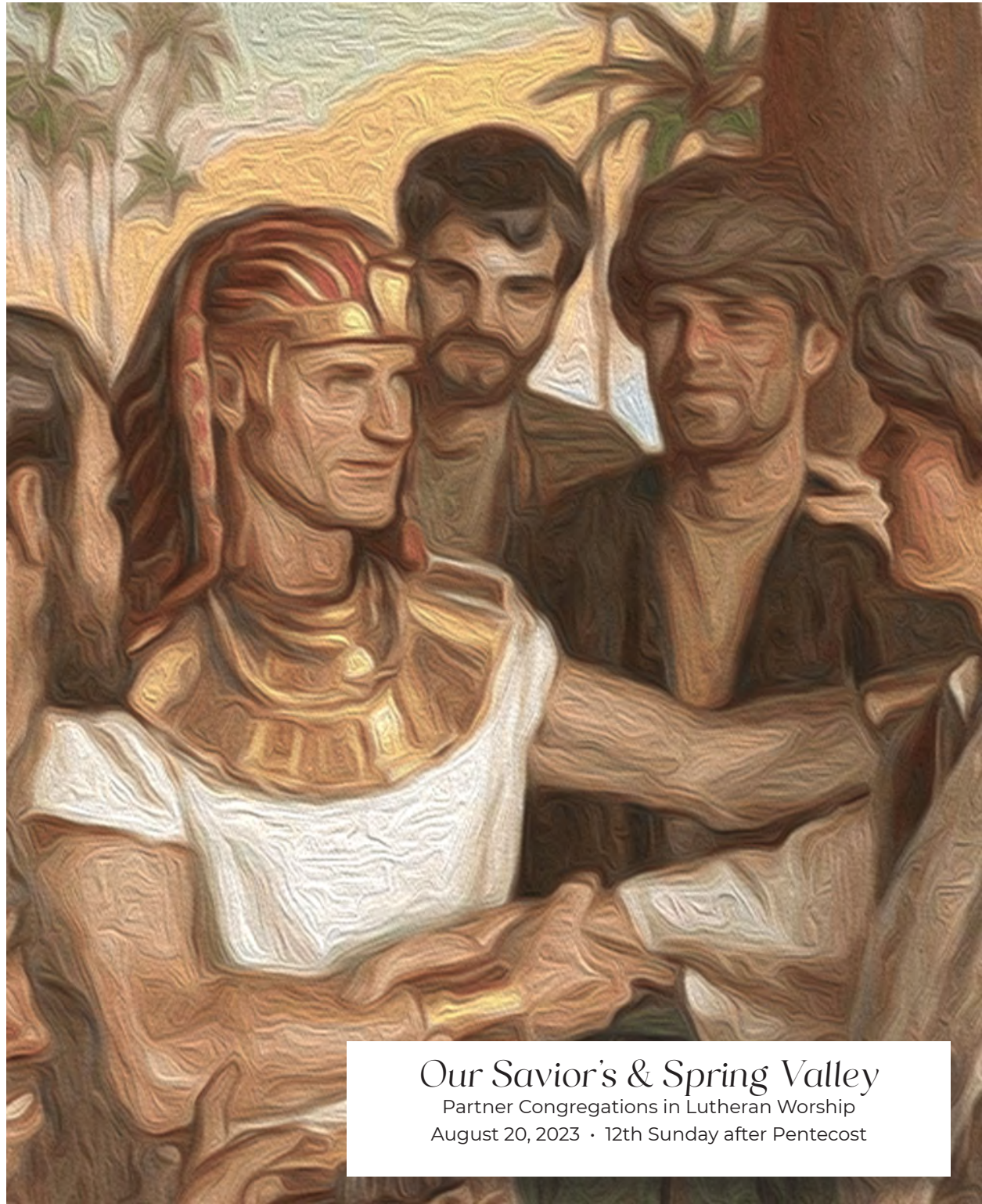
Confirmation Parents' Meeting

**6:00PM • August 30, 2023
Parish Hall**

It's that time again! We will discuss plans and expectations and what confirmation is all about.



Sunday School is revving up! Bring your kids at 11:30AM for an exciting activity and a meal to kick off the Sunday School year. All are welcome! (OSLC)



Our Savior's & Spring Valley
Partner Congregations in Lutheran Worship
August 20, 2023 • 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome/Announcements

Brief Order for Confession and Forgivenesspg. 56

Hymn “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” LBW #526

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Hymn of Praise “This Is the Feast” pg. 60

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us on those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, “Make everyone go out from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴ So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
**² that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰ You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹² And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

**⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. Selah**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

**⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.**

⁷ God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Second Reading Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

³⁰ For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of

Gospel Matthew 15:10-28

¹⁰ And he called the people to him and said to them, “Hear and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person.” ¹² Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain the parable to us.” ¹⁶ And he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.”

Sermon Pastor Max Whitehead

Hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” LBW #439

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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.

their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ