#### SUMMER DAYS

#### VBS SUPPLIES

PAPER
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TUBES
NEEDED
FOR VBS
PLEASE
BRING TO
THE CHURCH
OFFICE.
THANK YOU!



Thomas Zerwas

#### **SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Outdoor worship services will be:

July 7 and July 21

August 4 and August 18



Bring a lawn chair if you are able. Worship will be out in the front lawn so there is shade under the canopy.

Please say a prayer for these youth and leaders
as they prepare to travel to
Salt Lake City to serve their neighbor for the week of July 12-20:

Jordan Mateyka Cooper Peterson Simon Keeler
Mackenzie Peterson Kaylee Waters Kaleb Waters
Kelsey Janisch Lorelei Swanson Layla Fowler
Alyssa Hansen Aaron Miner Braun Bolton

Madi Harkin Hudson Klimmek

Carson Klimmek Stella Prokott Korah Waters

Natalie Pozorski Bella Rick Cooper Pany
Emma Jeurissen Paden Willhite David Darsow

Karla Zerwas Mitchell Miner Shelley Peterson

Carey Janisch Bill Rogers Greg Prokott

G'day, mates! Welcome to Zoomerang! As we zoom around Australia, we'll discover some amazing animals and sights!

More importantly, like a boomerang, we are returning kids to what the Bible says about the value of life. We'll discover how precious each

and every one of us is to God. From the tiniest to the oldest, each person is made in the image of God, wonderfully designed to know him and to live for him! Out of his great love, God offers us salvation through his son, Jesus.

Kids will learn that life is valuable!

Grab your sunnies (that's your sunglasses!) and your mates (those are your friends) and get ready for a fair dinkum time at *Zoomerang*!

We will be having Vacation Bible School from August 4-8, 2024 featuring the "Zoomerang" program with crafts, activities, songs, snacks and fun! Each evening will begin at 6 pm and run until 8:30 pm. It is open to kids from Age 4 to completion of 4th grade for a fee of \$10 per child or \$20 per family. All are welcome!

Register online through SignUp Genius or in person in the narthex.

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#### PRAYER GARDEN REFURBISHED!

Our Prayer Garden has undergone a beautiful transformation!

Thanks to the generous donations and countless hours of volunteer work from our congregation, we can enjoy this beautiful space for reflection and prayer that will enrich our church community for years to come.

This project has been a true testament to the strength and unity of our church family as it encompassed the efforts of many ministries working together toward a shared vision. Our Building and Grounds committee, Youth and Adults all joined together to make this happen.

This project wouldn't have been possible without the dedication and vision of Shelly Bluhm. She not only had the vision for this revitalization but also led the project. We are incredibly grateful for her hard work and dedication.

Join us on June 30 following worship as Pastor Allison blesses the updated Prayer Garden.

















Garden helpers:

**David Darsow** Mark Bistodeau **Brad Thom Aaron Miner** Cooper Peterson Richard Alickson Paxton Ament **Bridger Ament** Scott Ament Aston Winkelman Corey Winkelman Miles Prokott **Greg Prokott** Ralph Johnson Dennis Stang Amy Busch Ruth Thom Jakki Fidelman Brenda Jergenson Danny Jergenson Margie Macauley LuAnn Berthiaume Berta Bistodeau Dee Punton, Shelly Bluhm

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#### **CHURCH NEWS**

#### **Sunshine Group**

This group sends cards and makes calls to greet, encourage, congratulate and cheer on our SSLC family. We break down a Bible Verse each time we meet taking time to learn about the verse and talking about how it encourages us.

Please contact me for more information or with any ideas or suggestions. Everyone is welcome. We meet at SSLC on the first Monday of the month at 10 am and would love to have you join us!

# LOOKING FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH BOARD MEMBERS



to give direction for the years programming.

Please contact Karla Zerwas at 763-333-8570.

#### **Did You Know?**

We have a Meals Ministry program at SSLC! There have been a group of women who have been making and providing meals for members of our congregation when there is an illness, a health concern, or a need.

If you would like to find out more and get connected contact Roberta Bistodeau at 320-250-8073 or Dee Punton at 612-719-2344. You can either provide meals, storage dishes or cooking dishes for them to use for those families. You may bring gently used or new cookware to the church office. Please contact either Roberta or Dee if you would like to help make meals for families.

## Altar Guild

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

is looking for volunteers to set up and take down

communion for worship services.

Please contact Ann Kooiker at 320-250-0910 if you are able to help. Thank you!

#### Visit Our Library!

Need a quiet place to read or relax? Try our church library! Comfy chairs, puzzles, and books for children, families, couples, singles, those who are grieving, seeking motivation, self-help or spiritual growth, plus Bibles, Bible studies, devotionals, biographies, fiction, and books about Martin Luther and people from the Bible.

Stop and take a look!

#### Cemetery plots are available

at our cemetery. \$250 per plot for our members. Please contact Bill Rogers at 320-743-3031.



### MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED: We are looking for people to help count

offerings after worship services.

Summer months after 9 am worship; school year after 10 am worship. Both regular and fill-in spots available. Counting takes about 30-45 minutes. Training provided! Please contact Barb Marsh at 320-248-2949 or bmarsh123@midco.net.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

If you are new or newer to SSLC and would like more information about Membership or an informational packet, please see Dee in the Narthex.

Our next New Member Orientation will be held on Sunday, October 6th.

#### **FIREWOOD AVAILABLE**



SSLC Cemetery has an agreement with the Sherburne County work release program to cut down 20 dead trees on the land next to the cemetery. The board has a list of congregation members that would like some firewood. When a tree is cut up, we will

call the people on the list in order of their sign up to pick it

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#### **CHURCH NEWS**

#### PRAYER SHAWL

If you have a person in your life that you would like to gift a prayer shawl to, please contact the church office.

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Men's Bible Study Group **Tuesday Mornings 10 AM** 

Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., SSLC men are invited to participate in a Bible study in the nursery classroom wing.

For the past many years, the group has been reading its way through the Bible, simply taking a chapter a week. All are welcome!

#### **ALL MILITARY FAMILIES AND FRIENDS**



We have a bulletin board to recognize those members and friends in their service for our country.

We would like to include all active and retired personnel from all branches of service, all law enforcement, and all firefighters.

The information we are gathering: Name, Rank, Dates of Service, Branch of Service, Where stationed or area. We would like to place a 4 inch by 6 inch photo with the description of each person. If you have photos and bios to be added to this board, please bring them to the church office.

#### PROJECTION/SOUND BOOTH HELP NEEDED

We are in need of help in the projection/ sound booth for Sunday and Wednesday worship services.

Position is paid. All ages from 15 and up. Please see Merrill Binnall for more info.

Priscilla Bible Study meets on the Women's 1st Monday of the month at 9 am. All are welcome to join us!





#### OFFERING ENVELOPES

We have blank offering envelopes in the church entry on the podium next to the guest book. Please feel free to take one as needed.

#### SOUTH SANTIAGO BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND



Please consider a special donation to SSLC's Building Maintenance fund. We

have established a savings account to build up to use for major church repairs. We anticipate more repairs as our beautiful building ages.

To make a special donation, just designate "Building Repairs" on your check or offering envelope. We hope you can help us grow this account to allow us to keep SSLC in the best condition we can. Thank you!

**Buildings and Grounds Committee** 

#### **SSLC Virtual** Worship

Sunday: 9 am starting May 26 for summer months

-We are broadcasting on our YOU TUBE CHANNEL-at South Santiago Lutheran Church.

You

You can go to our website at sslcmn.org and click on the link there or directly within YouTube

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#### **PASTOR ALLISON**

Sitting in my office today, with the windows open, hearing the birds chattering, I began to wonder what the Garden of Eden might have been like. It is hard to believe it could have been more perfect than Minnesota in the summer. Of course, I can't envision the Garden of Eden with mosquitos or ticks but that just might have been what made it paradise. All around us we see the wonder of God's great creation. The newly refurbished prayer garden. The rushing waters of the Mississippi, the Rum, the Elk, and the St. Francis rivers. The beautiful trees we have here as well as all the different varieties of animals and birds, truly make this our little slice of paradise.

It's hard to believe that this wonderful home we enjoy is threatened. It doesn't matter who is responsible or even if these changes in the world are caused by humans or simply nature taking its natural course. I am often asked about the animals on Noah's Ark, why didn't they eat each other? Was there an elephant on the Ark? A platypus? And other animals which were not indigenous to the area. It's always a challenge to help the kids realize that animals have come and gone over the years, let alone the centuries. Some of these animals have died out naturally but then there are those we are responsible for eradicating. Think how close we came to losing our beloved Bald Eagles. But when we realized they were dying because of our use of DDT, we changed. We saved them. Can't we do the same for the rest of God's great creation?

Of course, there are those things we will not be able to change, naturally occurring changes in our ecosystems. But there are those things which we can control such as responsibly using chemicals on our lawns and gardens. We can help pollinators, protect them, plant flowers which feed and shelter them. We can be aware of nesting or migrating birds and stay clear of them. We can fish and hunt responsibly. We can make changes to how we shop and cook, using less plastic, and eating what we make without wasting food.

"And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good." (Genesis 9-12) All goodness, all abundance comes from God.

Today, go outside and count the wonders God has given us which make your heart sing. Give thanks for every blessing, smell the flowers, swim in the lake, and remember, we have been given the task to care for all this amazing abundance. Yes, that even includes those nasty little mosquitos and ticks!

All God's Blessings,

Pastor Allison

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#### **JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**



#### **BIRTHDAYS**

7/02 Bill Rogers 7/05 Jackie Johnson 7/05 Kim Bader 7/05 Craig Barringer 7/05 Faith Pozorski 7/06 Ella Engdahl 7/06 Bruce Bergman 7/06 Joel Heitkämp 7/07 Marlys Spiczka 7/07 Julias Hendricks 7/07 David Zehnder 7/08 Scott Ulsby 7/08 Regan Stommes 7/08 Dereck Pozorski 7/09 Kory McCalla 7/10 Jasón Schuster

7/10 Kaylee Waters 7/11 Roberta Bistodeau 7/11 Sydney Stommes 7/12 Angela Schuster /12 Delaney Klimmek /14 Miles Harkin 7/14 Amy Johnson 7/14 Kael Kotzer 7/15 Lonnie Suckert /15 Grace Baldry /15 Ethan Haus /16 Hunter Graftaas /18 Kenzie Peterson 7/18 7/18 Emerson Kipka Jamie Smith 7/20 Wyatt Tough 7/21 Qúinn Leddy Dennis Jensen

7/23 Kaelyn Drayna

7/26 Lane Lysdal

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7/24 Thomas Zerwas III

Skip Lerdahl

Rachel Ulsby

Tom Zerwas Jr.

7/27 Kristen Ulsby 7/28 Teresa Zehnder 7/28 Shane Mekeland 7/29 Lisa Orton 7/29 Cade Stommes 7/30 Curt Janisch 7/30 Brady Haus 7/31 Pat Krei

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

7/01 Craig & Ann Barringer 7/03 Craig & Heidi Lecy 7/06 Ron & Susan Peterson 7/06 Dereck & Joelle Pozorski 7/07 David & Teresa Zehnder 7/14 Dennis & Barb Jensen 7/16 Mike & Gloria Kydd 7/20 Joe & LuAnn Berthiaume

#### FAMILY SERVICE GROUP website: www.sslcmn.org/stewardship

-	7/7	7/14	7/21	7/28
READER	Denise Fowler	Tammy Miller-Hess	Kallyne Harren	Rochelle Ament
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USHERS				
HEAD USHER		Les Krei		Les Krei
GREETERS				
ACOLYTE				
KITCHEN HELPERS				
GOODIES				
COMMUNION HELPER		Amy Busch, Theresa Zehnder	Amy Busch Theresa Zehnder	
ALTAR GUILD		Tammy Miller-Hess Ruth Thom	Tammy Miller-Hess Ruth Thom	

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR WEEKLY WORSHIP!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49A4A922A6FA7-49579207-july#/

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#### WHY JESUS?



"Jesus Loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so"...

As far back in the memory bank I can go, what brings Jesus in the picture was Sunday School and that song.

Hearing it and believing it came together for me in the youth group. Asking him to be my personal Lord and Savior changed me forever!

Despite being nearly 14, I felt his presence, warm, calming, and asked myself if that's Gods Love?

You can run, but you can't hide.

That was a theme for a few years: I can fix things, I will figure it out, I can get out of this mess. How did that work for me? Much more to that story, but ultimately realized the "I" was terrible about running the show.

Let go and let God was the new theme; and have been that way ever since. Going by trial and error, my way was stupidly humiliating. No matter what spin i put on it, whenever I put faith and trust in God to show me the way, guide, or care for my family, it ALL worked out.

My life took off, through good times and bad. This getting up in the morning, asking for guidance and direction actually works! The rest of the day was good if not great. There is an occasional day I miss prayer in morning, but it's not 3 hours and am reminded who's in charge.

On to the more recent years. I was challenged to take faith a step further. Raising a family, being a leader in developing young minds to believe in Christ, allowing his guidance to be put in roles of leadership will deepen anyone's faith. By the time we came to SSLC, I was grounded in being a servant to others. Giving of time and talents is nothing new. Helping out in a variety of fashions, usually more hands on, is rewarding.

So why not Jesus?

The deep world views, secular issues, the middle east, Ukraine, whole of Africa, heck, even our own border has broken into the "ME" generation again, is proof WE need a savior! WE need guidance! WE need morals!

This starts with me. Whom do I serve? The trinity of God is what I serve. If this makes any sense, say Amen.

So if a normal person takes time to get to know you, will they find a faith in action? A trusting soul? Will it bring testament to God just by knowing me? Jesus came to save us. Sometimes from ourselves, many times for others.

**David Darsow** 

## HERE IS OUR NEW QR CODE FOR ONLINE GIVING:



Thank you for your gifts!

#### The picnic tables are out!

Feel free to come over and let the kids play on the playground equipment, shoot hoops, or even have an outdoor meal.



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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BREAKFAST CLUB

Happy 4th of July! We hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Our garden is coming along very well. Thank you to those who have volunteered so far, there are a few more weeks to sign your family up to tend to the garden.

SignUpGenius - Mobile





VBS is right around the corner. August 4-8 6:00-8:30. Sign up your child (4yrs -5th grade) to participate, sign up youth (6th-12th) to help, and parents to help. It takes a village to put on something great for the children.

Thank you!

SignUpGenius - Mobile

God Bless America!

#### **High School Ministry**

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer in between rain showers. Our mission trip to Salt Lake City is only a couple weeks away, please keep all of our mission trip participants in your prayers as we travel to Utah and back, work in the Salt Lake community, and make stronger bond with Jesus Christ our Savior.

Another way to serve is right here at our church. We are looking for youth to help with VBS.

I guarantee a fun week for all the children, youth and adults. The week is packed with high energy fun while learning about God. August 4-8, 6:00-8:30 pm. Sign up on the link here: SignUpGenius - Mobile

Thank you!

God Bless America!

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER REQUESTS: Family of Jerry Klapak, Les Bessel (Amy Busch's Dad), David Zehnder, Darlene Valla (Becky Heitkamp's friend), Bob Kissell (Teresa Zehnder's brother-in-law), Kelly Kipka, Brian Stang (Dennis & Brenda Stang relative), Karen Cox (Susan Peterson and Buster Graning's sister), Aiden Frommelt (Friend of our High School youth), Barbara Beaman (Lavone Gilyard's daughter), Audrey Nelson (Becky Bursch's Mom), Jim Bursch (Scott Bursch's Dad), Shelley Fassler, Glen Kaas, Magnus Breisnes (Teresa Zehnder's cousin), Scott Stang (Nancy James' brother), Mason Schroeder (Kayla du' Monceaux's friend), Ralph & Norma Frank (Dawn Eid's parents), Korey Lucas (Curt Jarvi's daughter), Clayton Lerdahl, Don Mekeland (Shane Mekeland's Dad), Shirley Graftaas (Eric Graftaas' Mom), Kim Hansmeier (Lisa Orton's friend), Amy Gohman (Daughter of Ron and Susan Peterson), Chloe Schuch (Brad and Ruth Thom's granddaughter), Danny Stang (Nancy James' brother), Jackie Massman (Gloria Kydd's niece).

MILITARY PRAYERS: Sydney Stommes, Hayden Fassler, Richard Buckalew, Jeremy Schuch, Kyle Whitcomb.

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST OR PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE

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#### **ADULT MINISTRY**

Hello and summer greetings!

Thank you to everyone who donated blood, promoted, volunteered and provided treats for our June blood drive! These gifts will help save lives and bring hope to those in need.

We are excited to announce several upcoming events for our Adult Ministry that we hope you join us for. These events are not only opportunities for fellowship but also ways to actively participate in our church's missions and community outreach.

Cookie Baking for Mission Trip Monday, July 8th, 9:30 AM at SSLC Join us as we gather to bake cookies for our upcoming mission trip. This is a wonderful chance to contribute to a meaningful cause while enjoying fellowship with other members of our congregation. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for participants and ingredient donations. It is always a fun morning with lots of laughs!

Rally Sunday - Kick off for Ministry Activities Sunday, September 8th Save the date for Rally Sunday, where we kick off our Children, Youth and Adult Ministry Activities! This is a special day where we come together to celebrate the start of a new season of learning, growth, and service. Plan to join us for a day filled with worship, activities and opportunities to get involved.

Lefse Making Night Thursday, October 10th Save the date and get ready to roll up your sleeves and join us for Lefse Making Night. Help us as we prepare this traditional Scandinavian wonderfulness for the SSLC Craft and Bake Sale. Watch for details and a sign up sheet in the narthex!

Annual Craft and Bake Sale Saturday, October 12th Our annual Craft and Bake Sale is back! Mark your calendars for a day of shopping and delicious treats. This event not only supports our women's ministry but also showcases the talents and creativity of our members.

We encourage you to save these dates and consider joining us for these enriching events. Your participation and support are invaluable in making these gatherings a success and in strengthening our church community. Plus we promise of a whole lot of fun!

See you soon!

Dee Punton









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#### YOUTH NEWS



#### MISSION TRIP FAMILES

#### DATES COMING UP:

#### JUNE 30 FINAL PAYMENTS DUE FOR TRIP

#### JULY 7 PLEASE BE AT WORSHIP FOR OUR MISSION TRIP BLESSING SENDOFF

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH EMPTYING /
REDEMPTION OF THE CANS, PLEASE CONTACT THE
CHURCH OFFICE. EACH STUDENT THAT HELPS
WILL RECEIVE PART OF THE PROCEEDS TOWARDS
THEIR FAMILY ACCOUNT.



ALL FUNDS FROM RECYCLING DONATIONS
GO TO OUR YOUTH PROGRAM. TRAILER IN
CHURCH PARKING LOT.

#### THANK YOU TO:

- \*Mark Bistodeau for lawn mowing;
- \*Danny Jergenson and Rich Alickson for working on the playset;
- \*Aaron Miner, Cooper Peterson, Brad Thom, David Darsow, Mark Bistodeau, Amy Busch, Ruth Thom Jakki Fidelman, Brenda Jergenson, Danny Jergenson, Margie McCauley, LuAnn Berthiaume, Berta Bistodeau, Dee Punton, Shelly Bluhm for their work on Prayer Garden refurbishing;
- \*Ralph Johnson and Kaleb Waters for redeeming the aluminum cans;
- \*Rich Alickson, Danny Jergenson and Les Krei for working on the playset;
- \*Megan Waldbillig, Barb Marsh, Margie Macauley, Tammy Miller-Hess for helping with the Blood Drive;
- \*All members who donated blood;
- \*All who helped promote the Drive:
- \*All families who donated food and helped with the funeral for Jerry Klapak;
- \*Buster Graning for mowing and trimming at the cemetery;
- \*Diane Doering for providing music for Sunday worship;
- \*Richard Alickson, David Darsow, Paxton Ament, Bridger Ament, Scott Ament, Aston Winkelman, Corey Winkelman, Miles Prokott, Greg Prokott, Ralph Johnson, Mark Bistodeau and Dennis Stang for working on the Prayer Garden;

\*All families who have contributed offerings towards the Prayer Garden project.

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#### JUNE EVENTS

#### **OUT TO LUNCH EVENT**









Quote of the Week: "God is in control, but He doesn't expect you to lean on a shovel and pray for a hole."



#### **CHURCH COUNCIL & STAFF INFORMATION**

#### **Church Council Members**

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#### JUNE 13, 2024 COUNCIL MINUTES

Members present: Ann Kooiker, David Darsow, Greg Prokott, Mark Swanson, Walt Munsterman, Kristin Forner, Pastor Allison.

MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED

- 1. Opening Devotions Ezekiel 17: 22-24
- 2.Call to Order@ 6:39 pm by Vice President Ann.
- 3.0pen Forum / Visitors-None present
- 4. Adoption of Agenda MMSP (moved by: Kristen second by Walt)
- 5. Consent Agenda MMSP (moved by David, second by Greg)
  - a. May Council Minutes
  - b. Reports in Dropbox (Pastor, Staff, Treasurer, Committees)

6. Synod Convention Report - before convention orientation and information was good. Good speaker - theme- to listen to the younger generation. Continue shortfall in budget and staff shortage. No resolutions were passed.

7.Karla Report–Read by David, will be posted to Dropbox following meeting–parent meeting for mission trip held, Sunday School planted garden, no spring Carnival completed (hard to get volunteers, rethink for next year), planning started for VBS (need volunteers-Signup Genius available.)

#### 8. Unfinished Business

- a. Contact members who have not answered questionnaires-Mark to set up meeting with Merrill (June.)
- b. Background Checks-Merrill (nothing new)—David to verify with Karla.
- c. A/V Equipment-Merrill (nothing new)-microphones purchased, need to be wired.
- D. One Service-tabled to next meeting by consensus-need listening session.

#### 9.New Business

- a. Water Bottle Cooler—Put it in Pastor's office for temporary-moved by Greg, second by Mark. Passed.
- b. Building Insurance-Moved by Mark, second by Kristen to renew with increased deductible (\$10k)-passed.
- c. Internet Service-Change to Midco, moved by Mark, second by Walt.
- d. Live stream service-put note in bulletin/newsletter and Mark will demo on Sunday.
- e. Thanksgiving Eve Service-in the planning phase, led by SSLC, hosted by Council/Music & Worship Committee. Not a partnership with other congregations, but invitations to be provided to area congregations (Becker, Foley, Glendorado, Palmer, Santiago) by flyers. Evaluate future Thanksgiving services afterward.
- f. Assistance for service after Pastor Surgery–need adult assistance to be Pastor's hands (filled through first week of August)–highlighted dates for communion or baptism. "Why Jesus?" in June SSLC newsletter is the request to write down your answer to "Why Jesus?" to enable printing of these each month–council members to start this and then expand to others. Potentially change this to "Why SSLC?" In the future. This can be done with your name or anonymously.
- g. Building Mortgage to be discussed that the mortgage payment will increase by \$500 per month in September. More information to be gathered for next month's meeting.

10.Adjournment with Lord's Prayer@7:53pm.

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#### SIMPLY GIVING ONLINE OFFERINGS

Churches have obligations just like families and businesses. When church members agree to an automatic payment arrangement, we can better budget our income because we know how much is coming and when. And if you leave town and miss worship, your giving and promised contributions are taken care of for you automatically so you don't have to worry about it.

Visit the website: www.sslcmn.com or email sslcfinance@windstream.net, or the church office if you are interested in Simply Giving.

#### NOISY OFFERINGS COMING UP



## July 28 CHRISTIAN AID MINISTRIES SEARCH AND RESCUE GROUP

We are a group of 30 Christian men who wish to be a blessing to our communities by providing strategic help during times of crisis.

ALL services are provided free of charge. We are volunteers and are fully funded by the generous donations of our members and churches. Our Search & Rescue teams are composed of highly trained and dedicated individuals that volunteer their time and expertise to assist local emergency services in finding the lost and missing. Since 2016, they have been working to reunite the missing with their loved ones.

#### August 25

#### **RIVERS OF HOPE**



Rivers of Hope is a domestic violence center serving Wright & Sherburne Counties. Our mission is to provide a community coordinated response to end family violence. We live out this mission by offering advocacy services to youth and adults. In addition we educate community members about the impact domestic violence has and the work we do, and partnering with other service providers to ensure that the needs of victim/ survivors are being met.

#### **MAY OFFERINGS**

General Fund	\$15,569
Building Mort	\$2,410
Bldg Repairs	\$2,850
Noisy Offering	\$153
Sunday School	\$46
Prayer Garden	\$120
Youth	\$10
Coffee	\$116
Women's Minist	\$150
Other	\$5
Total	\$21,429

# I AM THIRD. GOD. OTHERS. ME.

#### **FACTS AND FIGURES**

Funds	Month	YTD
Total Income*	\$22,089	\$117,228
Total Expenses	\$23,170	\$133,949
Difference	-\$1,081	-\$16,721

<sup>\*</sup>Total Income combines all Offerings PLUS any other income we have received for the month.

#### Attendance 9 AM

5/5	82 / 17
5/12	75 / 38
5/19	47 / 76
5/26	47

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JULY 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Priscilla Bible Study 9 am Sunshine Group 10 am	2 Men's Bible Study 10 am	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED HOLIDAY	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6
7 9 am Worship-Outdoors Salt Lake City Mission Trip blessing	8 Mission Trip cookie baking 9:30 am	9 Men's Bible Study 10 am	10	Council meets 6:30 pm	12 Mission Trip Leaves OFFICE CLOSED	13
14 9 am Worship	15	16 Men's Bible Study 10 am	17	18	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20 Mission trip Returns
9 am Worship-Outdoors Cottrell Baptism Luther Crest Campers blessing	22	23 Men's Bible Study 10 am	24	25	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 9 am Worship NOISY OFFERING- CHRISTIAN AID MINISTRIES	29	30 Men's Bible Study 10 am	31			

AUGUST 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	тни	FRI	SAT
				1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3
4 9 am Worship-Outdoors  VBS 6:30-8 pm	Friscilla Bible Study 9 am Sunshine Group 10 am VBS 6:30-8 pm	6 Men's Bible Study 10 am VBS 6:30-8 pm	VBS 6:30-8 pm	8 Council meets 6:30 pm  VBS 6:30-8 pm	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10
11 9 am Worship Holtan Baptism	12	13 Men's Bible Study 10 am	14	15	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17
18 9 am Worship-Outdoors	19	20 Men's Bible Study 10 am	21	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24
25 9 am Worship Stang Baptism NOISY OFFERING- RIVERS OF HOPE	26	27 Men's Bible Study 10 am	28	7	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31

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We are a congregation whose core values seek changed lives through the power of the Holy Spirit by forming and sustaining life-long personal faith in God through Christ Jesus. We practice this by engaging in crossgenerational ministry and radical hospitality as it is revealed by God's Word. We do this by connecting with our congregation, the community and the world.

#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Worship 9 AM for summer months

Office Hours Monday 8:30 am—3 pm
Tuesday 8:30 am—3 pm
Wednesday 8:30 am—3 pm

#### **CHURCH NEWS**



#### Christ in our Home

Is a daily devotional booklet for all ages. Please feel free to pick one up in the church entry.

#### **PASTOR VISITS/NOTIFICATION:**

If you or someone you know will be hospitalized and would like a call or visit from Pastor Allison please contact the church office or her directly at 651-391-7467.



#### Dates for 2024

Monthly on a Monday from 3:30 pm-5:30 July 22, Aug 19, Sept 16, Oct 21, Nov 11, Dec 9

> Salem Lutheran Church, 90 Riverside Drive, St. Cloud

#### Free Food distribution

Oakwood Church in Becker
First Wednesday at 10:30 am



## Free Frozen Meals distribution

C.A.R.E. in Foley Second Monday from 11 am to noon