



The Mission Statement of Our Savior is:

“SEE CHRIST THROUGH US”

Our Savior Lutheran Church members, through Christ, preach, teach, listen, learn, and live so the world sees Christ through us.

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THE MIRROR OF OUR SAVIOR

September, 2026

Dear Members and Friends of Our Savior,

A new school year brings renewed discipline for students. Instead of waking up whenever they wanted, the alarm clock makes sure students make it to class on time. Daily homework assignments that must be completed, readings to be done for class, practicing a musical instrument. Each day requires discipline to accomplish everything that needs to be done. It's also a time for new opportunities. Maybe trying out for the school play for the first time, joining a sports team, or a club after school. As students get older, many school responsibilities transfer from their parents to their own calendar, teaching them to plan their time so they can accomplish their goals.

Each week, you have disciplines that drive your life as well. Work schedules, taking your kids to their practices, scheduling appointments for repairs, visits with friends, trips to the gym, or a date night with your spouse. We make time for the things that are important to us. We strengthen our own bodies and strengthen our relationships with other people. Some people remember their schedule in their own head, others have a planner or calendar to keep track of all the important events. Discipline strengthens our self-control and focuses our lives on the things that matter.

Discipline is an important part of our lives as Christians. God's Word guides us in our spiritual discipline. Self-control is one of the fruits of the Spirit, a fruit that we often don't think much about. Our country is blessed with so many resources that we don't often think about sacrificing what we have for others. We see the things we want and we get them. Solomon did the same thing, and he recognized the need for self-discipline in the book of Ecclesiastes. ***‘I said in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself.” But behold, this also was vanity. (Ecclesiastes 2:1)’*** Solomon's wisdom helped him recognize that value doesn't come from the possessions and pleasure we so often seek after. It comes from God who provides. That's why God has given us his commandments. His commandments teach us self-control. They discipline our selfish desires for our neighbors possessions, our desire to hurt others for our own power, preserve us against sexual immorality, and teach us to be grateful for the authorities who

influence our lives for the better. Through that discipline that God provides, our lives are enriched and the world around us is blessed.

All discipline has a purpose. The football player who goes to practice and the gym each day has a goal in mind. He is working to be the best athlete and compete at the highest level. He is willing to do the hard work required to get stronger. ***“For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. (Hebrews 12:11)”*** When his legs are sore from running and his arms hurt from the weights, he might question his decision to be disciplined. It would be easier to sit on the couch with a snack. But when the time comes to use his strength in the game, his work matters. As God's people, his discipline often hurts. Denying ourselves the things we want might not always be pleasant. Speaking the truth in love to our neighbor might result in hurtful words and rejection. There are many times when it isn't pleasant to be faithful. But the end result of such discipline is righteousness. You are strengthened in the forgiveness and life that are in Christ Jesus, and your neighbor has heard the good news of Jesus Christ. ***“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (Romans 10:17)”*** God's discipline creates righteousness for all.

As we begin a new school year, and as the Sunday School year begins on September 13th, now is a good time to take stock of your own spiritual discipline. Have you gotten lax at attending worship services weekly? Now's a great time to restore that discipline. Gathering together in God's house is a blessing to you through the Word of grace, and God blesses your neighbors through your presence. If you haven't spent much time studying the Word, now is the time to improve that discipline. Commit to Sunday morning Bible class each week, or choose one of the other classes offered and plan to attend. Grab a Portals of Prayer in the narthex and commit to twenty minutes of daily Bible study. Be disciplined in the Word, and be strengthened by God's grace.

The Lord be with you!

Pastor Tessone



I am usually in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM unless otherwise noted on the church calendar or by the weekly events noted in the weekly bulletin. I encourage you to contact me when:

- **You are going into the hospital;** I'd like to visit and pray with you. Let me know what hospital you will be going to and when you will be there. **Please note:** Unless you contact me, I don't know you are hospitalized. Due to HIPAA laws, the hospitals do not contact me or the church, nor can they disclose any information about your condition.
- You are **facing any challenge** and in need of the fortification of God's powerful Word and you would like me to keep you in my prayers.
- You are wanting to be **baptized or your child.**
- You would like to receive the Lord's Supper.
- You are **planning to get married** (I need to be notified at least six months prior to the wedding date to reserve the church and to set up times to meet for the required pre-marriage Bible study and Service planning).

You can reach us at the numbers listed below.

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The following are just some of the opportunities offered for you to be involved in Bible study with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ at Our Savior:

- **Adult Bible Class** meets on Sunday morning at 10am in the Fellowship Hall and is studying the book of 2 Samuel.
- **The Tuesday Morning Bible Study** meets every Tuesday morning at 10 AM in the fellowship hall. We are studying the readings for the coming Sunday.
- **Men's Evening Bible Study:** This study meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. We are studying the Augsburg Confession
- **Women's Bible Study:** This group meets every *Tuesday*, beginning *September 8th* at 6 PM. We are going to study *Strong in the Lord: A Women's Bible Study on Faith and Mental Health* by Jennifer K. Londgren.





Notice! The cost of the Radio Ministry is \$170.00 per Sunday.

NOTE: If you enjoy the Radio Ministry and would like to contribute toward sponsoring a Sunday in whole or in part (smaller donations less than the full \$170 will be gladly accepted), please leave your donation at the office or on the offering plate. Please write on the check or envelope that you would like it to be **designated to the Radio Ministry** so it can go to the correct fund.

Thanks to those sponsoring the Radio Ministry in September:

September 6th – Kevin and Marlis Carl in loving memory of Linda Erickson

September 13th - Cindy Heimsoth in celebration of Zach's birthday

September 20th - Open

September 27th - Open



September 6th

9:00 AM: Bob Wheeler

September 13th

9:00 AM: Chris Nierman

September 20th

9:00 AM: Robert Curtis

September 27th

9:00 AM: Gary Coulter



If you sign up for flowers **AFTER** the newsletter has been printed, please contact the church secretary or call the altar guild ladies directly to inform them of this information and to let them know *****where your flowers are coming from*****. Please sign clearly on the line to let others know when a week is taken. The Altar Guild for the month of September will be: (see below)

September 6th - Heather Hawkins-Hoehne in celebration of David Hockaday's birthday on August 31st (Arletta Garrett – Altar Guild)

September 13th - Brenda and Cindy Heimsoth in celebration of Zach's birthday (Marlis Carl – Altar Guild)

September 20th – Robert and Jennifer Schlender in celebration of their 46th Wedding Anniversary (Jennifer and Renee' – Altar Guild)

September 27th – Hockaday's in memory of Mary Tucker's and in celebration of Shirley Laramie's birthdays' (Penny Camirand – Altar Guild)



September 6th

9:00 AM: Boston Ross and Drew Moss

September 13th

9:00 AM: Elijah Gertz and Adelynn Abney

September 20th

9:00 AM: Faith Burkhalter and Kelsey Case

September 27th

9:00 AM: Anna and Liam Robinson



Greeters For SEPTEMBER:

September 6th

Mel and Arletta Garrett

September 13th

Brenda and Cindy Heimsoth

September 20th

Bob and Patty Wheeler

September 27th

Brandon and Lori Hurt



AUDIO BOOTH *team*

September 6th - Mel Garrett

September 13th - Dennis Mueller

September 20th - Dennis Estel

September 27th - Mel Garrett



September 6th

9:00 AM:

Robert Curtis, Mark Abney, Tyler Abney, Lloyd Heisterberg and Kenneth Tatum

September 13th

9:00 AM:

Joe Lollis, Gary Coulter, Gene Perkins, Bob Wheeler and Cooper Woolery

September 20th

9:00 AM:

Joe Lollis, Gary Coulter, Gene Perkins, Bob Wheeler and Cooper Woolery

September 27th

9:00 AM:

Peggy McAloose, Mason Goosen, Jackson Hawkins, Scott Matz, Tom Moss and Robert Schlender

CHURCH OFFERINGS may be mailed to the church at your discretion.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH You can now listen to the Sunday Morning Service live broadcast of Our Savior Lutheran Church on two FM stations as well as KSIS 1050 AM. The two FM stations are 94.7 and FM 96.9. The cost to sponsor the broadcast will remain the \$170. Please consider sponsoring a Sunday broadcast. It's a nice way of honoring loved ones, a birthday, an anniversary, or your special occasion.

LISTEN TO LUTHERAN RADIO STATION KFUE at www.kfuo.org for Christian news and music. It is also available on the App Store.

LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO brings you sacred music sung by the world's greatest choirs. You can listen at www.lutheranpublicradio.org, or find it on the App Store.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: The Lutheran High School in Cole Camp is again selling Krispy Kreme donuts as a fundraiser throughout the month of September. A representative from the school will be in the narthex if you would like to participate.

2026 STATE FAIR is history, but the seeds that were planted through the Lutheran Hour Ministries booth continue to have opportunity to grow. During the 30 shifts you staffed during the fair, 100 adult Project Connect books were shared. 2400 kids' books, 1000 stickers, 1400 pencils, 1200 erasers, 1000 emery boards, 1500 pocket crosses, and 1000 yardsticks found new homes. You also shared countless smiles and greetings, and many conversations with visitors. Now please join me in praying those seeds that were sown will continue to sprout and grow into meaningful parts of His Kingdom. Many of you know Lutheran Hour Ministries has lots of resources for you and your congregation. If you need to check what they have that might be useful to you, go to lhm.org.

HEIT'S POINT SINGLES RETREAT Come join other Lutheran singles from around Missouri and Kansas as we study the Scriptures in an outdoor retreat setting, talk about God's Steadfast Love with Pastor Mallardi, have fun, good fellowship and good food! The retreat starts at 5:30pm on Friday, September 11, and run through the church service on Sunday morning, September 13. All-inclusive two-night stay in Spitz Center based upon 3 in a room, \$150/person. RSVP by September 6. To register: heitspointlutheran.org or call 660.668.2363.



SEPTEMBER 19TH Bring the whole family and get ready for an evening of fun, laughter, and a little friendly competition. We will have snacks and drinks. Bring a game to share if you wish. We hope to see you there!

STRONG IN THE LORD A Women's Bible Study on Faith & Mental Health. Beginning September 8 Our Savior's Women's Bible Study will now meet on Tuesday evenings from 6 – 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Join us this fall to refresh your soul with time in God's Word alongside your fellow sisters in Christ!



Council Minutes July 15, 2026

Attendance: Pastor Tessone, Dave Curtis, Lloyd Heisterberg, Carl Tilman, Robert Schlender, Arletta Garrett, Jerry Case, Jennifer Schlender, Lori Hurt, Earl Rasa, Terri Brines, Aaron Warner, Tina Sutherland, Heather Hawkins-Hoehne

The meeting was called to order and Pastor Tessone opened with devotion and prayer.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Robert Schlender, seconded by Terri Brines, and the motion carried.

Principal's Report:

Principal Tina Sutherland gave the report. The council was presented with information on the MO Scholars program, updates on the "cost to educate a child" model for tuition, the tuition and scholarship process.

Ms. Sutherland presented the updated school budget that was approved by the St. Paul's Lutheran School Association school board, as well as covered the beginning of a contingency fund for operational costs when in dire need in the budget.

The Council has requested a monthly invoice from the school for Our Savior's recordkeeping for the monthly payments made to support the school. Heather Hawkins-Hoehne made a motion to approve the August payment of \$4,140.30 to SPLSA; it was seconded by Jerry Case, and the motion carried. The final approval will be brought to the Voters at the meeting on Sunday, July 19th.

Pastor Tessone's Report:

Pastor Tessone is working his way through shut-in visits for the month of July. He visited with Kyler Lamb at Bothwell.

Confirmation students have concluded for the summer. They will resume after Labor Day, depending on what day works best for the students and their families. Pastor will have one 8th grader and three 7th graders starting this fall.

Pastor Tessone has arranged and prepared all the Sunday Services through July 19th; and arranged for Pastor Schnare to be with us on June 28th. He served the people of Amigos de Cristo on

June 14th.

Sunday morning Bible class has begun going through the books of the Bible. We are reading through the book of 1 Samuel. Men's Bible Study continues their study on the Augsburg Confession. Women's Bible Study will resume after the summer is over, and the morning Bible study has been looking at the readings for the coming Sunday each week.

Chapel at St. Paul's will resume on August 26th. The theme for next year is "Rooted in Christ."

Pastor Tessone attended the Pastor's Conference on June 9th at St. Paul's, Stover, July 14th at Trinity, Appleton City, continuing education class at Trinity, Cole Camp on June 24th-26th, and circuit meeting for the upcoming Synod Convention June 24th.

Report of the Boards:

Board of Elders: Robert Schlender gave the report. The membership report for June was 374 Baptized and 280 Communicants. The average June 2026 attendance was 85. The Elders made a motion to approve the transfer in of Neil and Eleanor Eckhoff and family from Zion, Lincoln. The motion was seconded by Carl Tilman, and the motion carried.

The Board of Elders held their monthly meeting.

The Elders will be hosting an ice cream social on August 2nd 6:30pm to 8pm and a pickleball tournament on September 19th. The Elders are looking into group tickets for the Lyceum Theater at Arrow Rock.

Board of Education: Terri Brines gave the report. There are more books available in the Narthex for the children to use to help follow along during the service.

The Board of Ed will be doing gifts for the children on Rally Day. These will include Bibles, books of prayer, Catechism, etc. Cindi Titus will be teaching the pre-school/kindergarten Sunday School class, and the Board of Ed is still looking for teachers for 1st-4th grades.

Vacation Bible School is July 19th-23rd with dinner being served at 5:15pm and a potluck on Thursday. VBS offerings will help a child from Amigos de Cristo who suffered severe burns recently. The children's incentive raising money is to duct tape the Pastors to the wall at the end of VBS.

There are currently 2 children from Our Savior Lutheran receiving tuition assistance to attend St. Paul's Lutheran School Association. Amigos de Cristo is asking for tuition assistance of approximately \$2,000 for a student. Terri made a motion to approve the tuition request, after discussion, it was decided the Board of Ed will investigate fundraising and Our Savior can do a door offering, then the Board of Ed can present the request again.

Board of Trustees: Carl Tilman gave the report. The Trustees are still waiting for the window repairs to be completed. The contractor is backlogged after the tornado that hit the Warsaw area.

All inspections have been completed and passed.

Carl is working on the snow blower for this winter.

Board of Finance: Jerry Case and Jennifer Schlender gave the report.

The financial report provided for the second quarters of 2026 are as follows:

1. Checking Account

1. April

1. Deposits \$35,100.15

2. Checks Written \$51,476.45

3. Auto Pay/Other Charges \$6,066.75

4. Total Income: \$35,100.15

5. Total Expenses: \$51,543.20
 6. Checking Balance: \$71,144.81
2. May
 1. Deposits \$21,5420.81
 2. Checks Written \$18,471.71
 3. Auto Pay/Other Charges \$5,682.44
 4. Total Income: \$21,542.81
 5. Total Expenses: \$24,154.15
 6. Checking Balance: \$68,533.47
 3. June
 1. Deposits \$35,279.65
 2. Checks Written \$11,700.81
 3. Auto Pay/Other Charges \$9,742.05
 4. Total Income: \$35,279.65
 5. Total Expenses: \$21,442.86
 6. Checking Balance: \$82,370.26

Committee Reports:

1. **Nominating Committee:** Dave Curtis (Chair), Jerry Case, Michael Gertz, Mel Garrett, and Steve. The committee will start reaching out to people to be nominated for upcoming board and council positions.

Old Business:

1. **None.**

New Business:

1. **Lutheran High School Request:** The church has received a request for an independent Lutheran High School to use the empty Sunday School rooms to hold

their classes. This would be for the 2027-2028 school year. They currently have 3 students enrolled and Pastor Tessone will be getting more information. The Council will bring this to the Voters at the July 19th meeting.

Other Business:

1. **Door Offerings:** 7/19 Heit's Point
2. **Fellowship Opportunities:** 7/19 Voters' Meeting, VBS 7/19-23
3. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 12th

Adjournment: Jerry Case made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Robert Schlender & Carl Tilman, and the motion carried.

We closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hawkins-Hoehne, Secretary

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 ~ Karen Case's Birthday	2	3 ~Tyler Abney's Birthday ~ Donna Coulter's Birthday	4 ~Alena Hoeffling's Birthday ~Boston Ross' Birthday	5
6 ~ Ann Faaborg's Birthday	7 <i>Labor Day</i>	8 ~ Gabe Burkhalter's Birthday ~ Don Wood's Birthday	9 ~ Emily Knoernschild's Birthday ~ Earl Rasa's Birthday ~ Irma Wood's Birthday	10	11 ~ Beverly Dillon's Birthday ~ Patty Wheeler's Birthday	12 ~ Brandon Hurt's Birthday
13 ~ Gavin Heimsoth's Birthday ~ Max Knoernschild's Birthday ~ Auggie Schuber's Birthday	14 Alex & Rebecca Heimsoth's Anniversary	15	16 ~ Sarah Doty's Birthday	17 ~ Wrenley Doyle's Birthday ~ Sandy Cordes' Birthday Mark & Julie Abney's Anniversary	18 ~ Marvin Burkhalter's Birthday ~ JoAnn Smith's Birthday	19
20 ~ Flint Walton's Birthday Robert & Jennifer Schlender's Anniversary	21 ~ Penny Camirand's Birthday ~ Joe Walters' Birthday	22	23 ~ Robert Walker's Birthday	24	25 ~ Scott Matz's Birthday	26 ~ Angie Thomas' Birthday ~ Travis Warner's Birthday
27	28	29 ~ Faith Burkhalter's Birthday	30	1	2	3

SEPTEMBER 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study	2 6:30 PM Elder's Meeting	3	4 Pastor Tessone's Day Off	5
6 9:00 AM Communion Service 10:30 AM Bible Class	7 <i>Labor Day</i> Office Closed	8 NO Morning Bible Study Pastor's Conference 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study	9 6:00 PM Helping Hands 7:00 PM Board Meetings 8:00 PM Council Meeting	10	11 Pastor Tessone's Day Off	12
13 9:00 AM Worship Service/Rally Day Breakfast and Bible Trivia	14	15 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study	16	17	18 Pastor Tessone's Day Off	19 Civil Air Patrol Event in Gym 6:00 – 8:00 PM Game Night
20 9:00 AM Communion Service 10:30 AM Bible Class & Sunday School	21	22 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study	23	24	25 Pastor Tessone's Day Off	26
27 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Bible Class & Sunday School	28	29 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study	30	1	2	3

RALLY DAY!

Our Savior Lutheran Church

LET'S BEGIN A NEW YEAR!
Sunday School Celebration



Join us for Worship at 9:00



Meet the Teachers!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | 9:00 AM



BREAKFAST & BIBLE TRIVIA following worship

Join us for a morning of **JOY, FELLOWSHIP, and LEARNING!**

FOR ALL AGES, YOUNG and OLD!

Bring Your Family & Friends!

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St. Paul's Lutheran School Association
September, 2026
“Rooted in Christ” (Colossians 2:6-7)

Greetings to all in Christ.

School is underway, and we are off to a great start! We are 85 strong and blessed with wonderful students!

Pastor Tessone led our Chapel service on the first day of school. He reminded us that Jesus is always there for us as we are rooted in Him.

Our staff is working well together as we establish routines and procedures for all of our students and staff to feel safe and welcome. We are blessed to have a full staff for the 26-27 school year.

Our first home volleyball game is Thursday, September 3 at 6:30. Please venture out and support our Panthers as they take on St. Peter's from Marshall. Our girls have been practicing hard and will be ready for the competition.

As we roll into September, our PTL will swing into action with our first fundraiser. There will be many volleyball games to play in September and October. Our first testing benchmark will be the week of September 14-18.

Thank you to our supportive congregations of Our Savior Lutheran and St. Paul's Lutheran. Together we will continue our mission of, “Providing a Christ-centered, quality education in a nurturing, grace-filled environment.”

DATES: Looking ahead...

Sept. 3 - PTL Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

VB @ home vs St. Peter's, 6:30

Sept. 7 - No School Labor Day

Sept. 8 - SP Council Meeting

Sept. 9 - OSL Council Meeting

Sept. 10 - SPLSA Board Meeting

Sept. 14 - PTL Fundraiser starts

VB @ LSA, Cole Camp

Sept 16 - VB @ Trinity, Alma

Sept. 17 - VB @ St. Paul's Concordia

Sept. 14-18 - NWEA Testing week

Sept 22 - Papa John's Night - order your pizza with code KSS008 to contribute \$ for SPLSA

VB @ home vs Immanuel Higginsville, 6:00

Sept. 24 - VB @ St. Peter's Marshall

Sept 25 - No school - Teacher Work Day

Sept. 28 - VB home vs Clinton Christian Academy, 6:00

Follow our **Facebook Page, St. Paul's Lutheran School, Sedalia** and check out our website at sedaliastpauls.org

God's blessings, Tina Heisterberg Sutherland, Principal, SPLSA