



# EXPRESSIONS



Connecting People to JESUS

## Weekend Worship Services

Communion at all services.

**Saturday @ 5:00 p.m.**

**Sundays**

**8:00 a.m. & 10 a.m./10:45 a.m.**

**Livestreamed Service**

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

**Christian Education Hour**

Meets 9:30—10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study— 18+

Sunday School ages 2 yr. thru  
High School

**Church Nursery:** Staffed Sundays for both services & Sunday. Nursery is open for 5 p.m. service as self-serve nursery. Please pick up after use.



**Prayer and Anointing**

**Sunday, May 5th**

**at the 8:00 a.m. service**

“For I am the Lord who heals you.”

(Exodus 15:26)



**Communion will be replaced with the Prayer and Anointing.**

For more history of this practice and information about how it is carried out among us, see explanation sheet called, “Service of Prayer and Anointing,” in the information rack.



**FORGIVING CHALLENGE**

**WEEKLY SERIES**



- 1.) FORGIVING CHALLENGE - S.C.A.R.S.
- 2.) FORGIVING CHALLENGE - SIN
- 3.) FORGIVING CHALLENGE - CONFESSION
- 4.) FORGIVING CHALLENGE - ABSOLUTION
- 5.) FORGIVING CHALLENGE - RESTORATION
- 6.) FORGIVING CHALLENGE - SANCTIFICATION

# For Your Information

## OFFERING OPTIONS

**Offerings envelopes**— place your offering envelope or use a pew envelope and put in the offering plate or mail to church office.

**Electronically**— go to church website, [oursaviorbett.org](http://oursaviorbett.org), click on the “donate now” button and create an online account.

**Smart Phone**— . Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code reader to access the mobile version of our online giving page.



**Sunday School Mission Offering**— One Eighty

**Church Stock**— If interested in donating stock to OSLC your Financial Advisor can contact Mike Gesell at Morgan Stanley, 563-344-4312.



**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Cost is \$35 and may be submitted in the offering plate. Flowers may be picked up after second worship service on Sunday. Flower chart located on cabinet in the Gather Space.

**ARTICLES FOR EXPRESSIONS:** email articles to [oslcadassist@oursaviorbett.org](mailto:oslcadassist@oursaviorbett.org), deadline Wednesday by noon.

**FEEDBACK FORM:** Available online at [www.oursaviorbett.org](http://www.oursaviorbett.org) (please include name).

**FOOD & DRINK:** Please limit food and beverages in sanctuary during worship to that which is necessary for infants, toddlers or required for medical reasons. **Please do not bring coffee or food into the worship area.**

**GRACE GROUPS:** Join a group for fellowship, bible study & prayer. Contact the church office.

**LIBRARY:** You can find a number of Christian-friendly resources, fiction, nonfiction books, movies and CD's. Stop by today to check out our many resources. Contact Carrie Beyer at [oslcbettlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:oslcbettlibrary@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**MUSIC MINISTRIES:** Interested in joining the choir (adult or children choir) or playing handbells, contact Keaton Connell at [keatonconnell2@gmail.com](mailto:keatonconnell2@gmail.com)

**NAME BADGES:** Badges may be purchased by contacting the church office. Cost is \$10 per badge. Option of magnetic or pin backing.

**NURSERY:** Located in Library. Staffed during the 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. services and during the Sunday School hour.

**PRAYER & ANOINTING:** Offered three times a year, January, May and September. Detailed information sheet located in information rack. The next Prayer & Anointing services will be **Sunday, May 5, 2024 at the 8:00 a.m. service**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** Hand knit shawls made with love and prayer to give to those in need of comfort and healing. Questions, contact church office. Prayer Shawls are located in Gathering Space cupboard. Look for the sign.

**OUR SAVIOR CONCEALED CARRY POLICY:** Our Savior will continue the policy of allowing the concealed carry of handguns by individuals possessing a current, valid Iowa Permit to Carry. We are keeping this policy in force, as is our prerogative, since the State of Iowa enacted the Constitutional Carry legislation effective July of 2021.

**WOMEN'S EXERCISE**—meet at 8:15 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays in the Gathering Space.

# Church Information

## WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Saturdays 5:00 p.m.**

**Sundays—8:00 a.m. & \*10:45 a.m.**



\*May 26th OUTDOOR WORSHIP, one service only at 9:00 a.m. (Saturday indoor at 5:00 p.m.)

\*June 2nd thru Labor Day Weekend, second Sunday service is moved to 10:00 a.m.

## CHURCH OFFICE

Current church hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Our facility is a closed campus. If you would like to visit, go to door D and ring bell.

## CHURCH NURSERY

Church nursery ,located next to the library is staffed Sundays for both services & Sunday and during the Sunday School hour. Nursery is open for 5 p.m. service as self-serve nursery. Please pick up after use.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Check out our Facebook page (Our Savior Lutheran Church and Preschool Bettendorf), our website (oursaviorbett.org) or YouTube channel (Our Savior Bettendorf) for Bible studies, worship services, worship bulletins, past sermons and other miscellaneous communications.

**April Average Weekend Attendance —556**

## Holy Communion Practice

Holy Communion is a sacred act established by Christ Himself. The Bible explains the nature and purpose of the Sacrament, and who should receive it. *“Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment upon himself.”* (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) Therefore, in accordance with Holy Scripture, and out of loving concern for all, we at Our Savior Lutheran Church believe in the biblical practice of Close Communion. This means, those are welcome to the Lord’s Table who are “**close**” to us, that is, believe the basic teachings of the Christian faith listed below:

1. Have been Instructed in God’s Word, especially in regard to the Apostles’ Creed, Ten Commandments and Holy Sacraments;
2. Confess and repent of all their sins;
3. Believe that through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God forgives their sins and gives new newness of life.
4. Believe that in and with the bread and wine, they receive in a miraculous way, not merely a symbol, but the true Body and Blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith.
5. Recognize that participation at His table indicates a public agreement with the Biblical teaching of the Sacrament as we teach and confess, and a oneness in the Lutheran faith with fellow communicants.

If you are unaware of the teachings of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or have any doubts or questions, we respectfully ask you to refrain from receiving Holy Communion today until you have opportunity to visit with one of the pastors.

## Our Savior Staff & Directors

**Our Mission:** As followers of Jesus Christ, the mission of Our Savior Lutheran Church is to **GATHER** in worship, **GROW** as disciples, **GO** and serve.



### MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM

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# Church Information

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY LINE UP

**ABC (Adult Bible Class), "Forgiving Challenge", Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**, led by Pastor Gary, Room A200

**Belonging By Grace, New Membership Class, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**, led by Pastor Keith, Room A201.

**Champions Men's Bible Study, Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.**, led by David Pratt, Room A201

**Mary Martha Women's Bible Study, Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.** (Fellowship Time 9:30—10:00 a.m.), led by Sara Pfeiffer, A201

**Men's Bible Study, Book of Galatians, Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.**, led by Tim Raymon, Room A202



**Ages 2 year—High School**  
**Sundays, 9:30—10:30 a.m.**  
**Ends May 19th**



**Kids Klub**  
**Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m.**  
**Ends May 15th**



May 1<sup>st</sup> – Spring cleaning event for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade, 1:30-3pm

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Spring cleaning event for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade 9-10:30am

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Scavenger Hunt for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade and their families; 3-5pm at OSLC

High School will continue to meet on Wednesday's from 6-7 pm in the youth room throughout May.



**Summer Worship Schedule**  
**May 25 – September 1, 2024**

**Saturday Worship 5:00 p.m.**  
 (Always **INDOOR** with Communion)

**Sundays 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.**  
 (No Christian Education Hour)

**\*Last Sunday of the month**  
**ONE OUTDOOR SERVICE at 9:00 a.m.**

Weather permitting.  
 if rain, it will be moved inside.  
 No communion at this service.  
 Service held in the back parking lot.

Bring your chairs!



**Outdoor Worship Dates:**  
**May 26, June 30, July 28 & Aug. 25**



**Confirmation Orientation**  
**May 19th**

**12:00 noon**

(after late service)

There will be a confirmation meeting for all incoming confirmation students (current 5th graders) and their parents after the late service on May 19th. Confirmation will begin in August. This meeting will go over expectations and answer any question you may have.

**Please Note:** Receiving of new members will no longer be May 19th. New date still to be determined.

## Things to Know



If you will be graduating from High School or College we would love to know! Please share with us the school you are graduating from. High School seniors, please include a current picture. We will be recognizing the graduates in the May 18/19 Expressions. Information can be emailed to [oslcadassist@oursaviorbett.org](mailto:oslcadassist@oursaviorbett.org)

### NOMINATIONS FROM THE CANDIDACY COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors is seeking nominations for two positions to serve on the Board of Directors. The new members needed for the coming two-year terms are **Vice President** and one **At Large member**. These are two-year terms and may be re-elected for 1 more term for a total of 4 years. In the past, after the Vice President has finished that term, they have transitioned into running for the position of President. The slate is presented at least one month prior to the annual Congregational Meeting in which the election is to take place. In addition to the Candidacy Committee's slate of candidates, any member of the congregation can nominate any other member of the Congregation for the Board of Directors. The **annual meeting will take place on June 30th** after the 9:00 a.m. outdoor worship service.

The general qualifications are as follows:

- Faithful in worship
- Regularly in the Word: Bible study and/or Small Group
- Active in service: Serving in a ministry of the congregation
- Supportive of tithing: Either tithing or working toward it
- Supportive of the Mission, Vision, Values and Strategic Direction of the congregation
- Supportive of the governance structure
- Able to see big picture of church's mission; passionate about missions and outreach
- Willing and able to attend monthly meetings
- Willing to support all decisions of the board once they have been fully discussed and resolved by the board of directors
- Willing not to discuss board matters, questions and issues outside of the board meeting collectively in session
- Willing to relate to other board members as the Body of Christ with openness, integrity, honesty, and Christian love



To nominate someone, you may fill out a nomination using the QR code above, pick up a nomination form on the back counter of the sanctuary or contact one of the Nominating Committee members--- Ron Spiva, Deb Dayman, Lois Manor or Pastor Piotter. These nominations need to be in by May 12<sup>th</sup>.



## Summer Activities



# SAVE THE DATE VBS 2024

BREAKER ROCK BEACH

**Romans 12:2**

**Ages 3 years—5th Grade**  
**June 23rd –27th**  
**6:00—8:30 p.m.**



**Scan QR code  
to register.**



**August 12-15th, 10 a.m. to Noon**



**Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca**  
 Summer Camp 2024

Registration for Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca is now open! Go to [www.campdiseca.org](http://www.campdiseca.org) for more information or pick up a brochure on the community board by the church office.



Our Savior Lutheran Preschool will be offering summer programs again this year. We will continue to offer class for 3 year olds through Third Grade. There are different themes, various academic skills and we will focus on a Christian value each session. Cost is \$50 per session and will include a snack. **Your payment holds your spot.** You may choose one session or all seven! Classes will be offered Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week from 8:45-11:45 am. Contact Preschool for openings and brochure.

# Missions



## CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONS

- † **Cristo Rey Lutheran**,  
Moline, IL, Rev. Pablo Dominguez
- † **East Side Mission**
- † **Heart for Honduras**,  
Kevin Pieper, Salem Church,  
Tomball, TX
- † **King's Harvest Mission**,  
Food & shelter mission,  
Davenport
- † **Kontakt Mission**,  
Jon Gainer
- † **LCMS Missionaries**,  
Benjamin, Rebecca & Viktor  
Helge, Havířov-Šumbark, Czech  
Republic and Eurasia
- † **LCMS World Missions**,  
Rev. Tom Zehnder, Executive  
Director
- † **Lutheran Hour Ministries**,  
Curt Buckholz, President
- † **Lutherans for Life**,  
Rev. Michael Saleminck
- † **Mission Central**,  
Gary Thies
- † **Mission India** ,  
Church Planters, Tokala Ashok  
Kumar & Paradesi Shobavathi  
(Guntur)
- † **Missionary** Rev. Dale & Suzanne  
Kaster, Prague, Czech Republic  
(Guntur)
- † **QC Deaf Ministry**,  
Rev. Tim Eckert
- † **Women's Choice Center**
- † **The Exodus Road**,  
David Zach, Remedy Drive
- † **Village of Hope, Haiti**,  
Bart & Roberta Anderson
- † **Trans World Radio**,  
Cody & Chelesse Custer, Guam
- † **Urban Mission Strategist, NYC.**,  
E. Johnson Rethinasamy
- † **Voices4Peru**





## Things to Know

*Our Savior  
Kenya Team 2024*



On May 28th our Kenya Mission Team will depart, returning June 7th. The purpose of this mission is to run an optical clinic, supply glasses, fund cataract surgeries and bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of Kisii, Kenya. Please keep them in your prayers.

-Our Savior Kenya Mission Team



Be an informed member of our church body by subscribing to *The Lutheran Witness* – a monthly periodical of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod which provides a wealth of information for Christian faith and life. **For a rate of \$20.65**, you will receive *The Lutheran Witness* from August 2023 to June/July 2024 (11 issues). You may subscribe, resubscribe or un-subscribe by contacting the church office **by May 6, 2024**. Please make checks payable to Our Savior Lutheran Church and note on your check that it is for *The Lutheran Witness* subscription or go through our website (Give/Donate). Any questions please contact Kent Gullion, 332-5141 or [oslcbusinessmanager@oursaviorbett.org](mailto:oslcbusinessmanager@oursaviorbett.org)



Each summer, in cooperation with the annual John Deere Classic Golf Tournament we participate in the Birdies for Charity program. This is a simple, creative way for members to help support Our Savior. If you feel so moved, you can donate online at <https://birdiesforcharity.com/donate>.

**John Deere Classic July 4th thru 7th**

FROM RED LETTER CHALLENGE

## FORGIVING CHALLENGE

### SIN



EXPERIENCING FREEDOM  
STARTS BY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT  
WE HAVE ALL MISSED THE MARK.

### CONFESSION



IT'S WHAT WE DO AFTER SIN THAT  
DETERMINES WHETHER WE EXPERIENCE FREEDOM.  
GOD INVITES US TO BRING OUR SIN TO HIM.

### ABSOLUTION

DISCOVER HOW THE CONSEQUENCE  
OF EVERY SIN OF EVERY PERSON, INCLUDING YOU  
HAS BEEN PAID FOR IN FULL BY  
THE BLOOD OF JESUS.



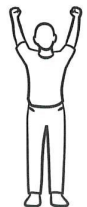
### RESTORATION



THE FORGIVENESS OF JESUS  
MOVES US FORWARD BY RESTORING  
OUR IDENTITY AND INVITING US TO  
LIVE WITH PURPOSE.

### SANCTIFICATION

TRUE FREEDOM COMES WHEN WE PARTICIPATE  
WITH JESUS IN BRINGING HIS KINGDOM  
TO THIS EARTH RIGHT NOW.  
FOLLOW JESUS!



## Upcoming Dates to Remember



<b>May 5</b>	<b>Prayer &amp; Anointing Service</b> (8:00 a.m. service)
<b>May 12</b>	<b>Mother's Day</b>
<b>May 18/19</b>	<b>High School Graduate Recognition</b>
<b>May 19</b>	<b>New Member Welcome Sunday</b>
<b>May 19</b>	<b>Incoming Confirmation Meeting</b> (after late service)
<b>May 26</b>	<b>OUTDOOR WORSHIP</b> (One service at 9:00 a.m.)
<b>May 27</b>	<b>Memorial Day—OFFICE CLOSED</b>

