



# TIDINGS

“To walk with Christ and neighbor, healing brokenness together.”

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## Readings

**May 5**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**  
 Acts 10:44-48  
 John 15:9-17

**May 12**  
**Ascension of our Lord**  
 Acts 1:1-11  
 Luke 24:44-53

**May 19**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
**Senior Recognition**  
 Acts 2:1-21  
 John 14:8-17

**May 26**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
 Isaiah 6:1-8  
 John 3:1-17

## Fundraising for OSLC Youth

This Month's Opportunity:  
**May 12, 2024**  
 2nd Sunday of each month  
 From 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
 at BOTH Don & Millie's locations  
 When you order, tell the cashier you are there for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Youth and 20% of what you spend on food & drinks will go to our OSLC Youth.



## “It’s That Time Again”

Dear Friends in Christ:

We are nearing the end of another fiscal year at Our Saviour’s (July 2023-June 2024). Allow me to give you a quick snapshot of where we’re at financially:

- Last spring, we passed a budget of \$541,292.
- We are currently running about \$2,000 behind our current expenses and \$10,000 behind where we need to be for the budget.
- Last fall, we encouraged gifts that would help us reach a little further, supporting our staff health insurance and our commitment to Justice in Action.
- If we are behind on the regular budget, we clearly aren’t where we need to be to reach our additional goals.

As we prepare for the fiscal conversations coming up, we have some difficult decisions to make.

1. Can we support 100% of our staff healthcare?
2. Can we support increasing the hours and pay for Sam, our Worship, Music, & Arts Director?
3. Can we fulfill our commitment to Justice in Action?
4. Can we envision the kind of energy and liveliness it takes to help these transitions happen?

We know that things like building maintenance and staff pay aren’t particularly exciting topics. They don’t necessarily inspire deep gifts and emotional responses. But these are the foundations of the work we do, walking with Christ and neighbor, healing brokenness together. They are the framework that allows us to reach out into our community and share the love of Christ with the world.

Our staff love working here—serving you, inspiring you, praying for you, caring for you. We rely on this building, as wonky as it is sometimes, to provide a safe space to gather, worship, learn, and be nourished. These are difficult financial times for our community and our world, but we trust God’s provision and direction. Every week, I am so honored and excited to lead worship for this community. You truly are remarkable people. Thank you for all you do.

In Christ,

*Pastor Tobi White*

## Budget Conversations:

**Vision Rally**—Sunday, May 12, 10:15a.m.

**Congregational Meeting**—Sunday May 19, 10:15a.m.

## Brought to you by OSLC Faith-to-Face Recovery Ministry

A Vision for OSLC: Imagine members of your congregation being equally comfortable publicly asking for prayer “for my father with alcohol dependence” as “for my mother with cancer.”



For more info on how you can be involved contact your Faith Partners Team : 402-483-4126 or Otto at 402-770-1974.

Call or Text.  
 You are not  
 alone.



## NEEDS



The Lutheran Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to help pick up food from the Lincoln Food Bank every Tuesday and deliver it to the Lutheran Food Pantry. If you know of someone who can donate their time on Tuesdays from 8:15-9:30am, please have them contact Allen Bartling at 402-416-5838. They will be helping to ensure food is available for those in need.

*However, please keep in mind the Pantry can always use non-perishable food and personal care items not on this current list. The donations the Pantry receives allow us to provide food boxes for the People’s City Mission, Good Neighbor Center, Matt Talbot Kitchen and emergency requests for those in need of help to provide food for their families.*

### Other items we always need include:

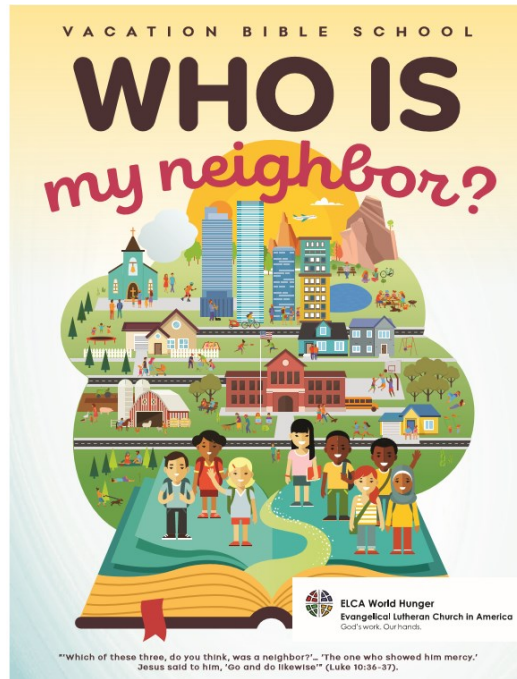
- Canned variety beans (chili, kidney, pinto)
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam)
- Canned vegetables (\*\*especially mixed vegetables, peas, corn, green beans)
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Fruit juice, large bottles
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Potatoes, boxed instant mashed
- Ramen noodles
- Rice, one or two pound packages
- Saltine crackers
- Tomatoes, canned

### Items that are especially needed at this time are:

- Canned fruits (all kinds)
- Canned meals (Ravioli, SpaghettiOs, etc.)
- Canned vegetables (all kinds)
- Cereals, dry
- Dry dinners (Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, etc.)
- Macaroni and cheese
- Pasta, dry (spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, etc.)
- Peanut butter/jelly
- Pork and beans and canned kidney beans, refried beans, etc.
- Spaghetti sauce
- Snack items (small packages of cookies, nuts, fruit-flavored snacks, etc.)
- Soups (all kinds)
- Personal care items (shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes)

**On behalf of those facing food insecurity, thank you for your support!**

**Connie Hawkins and Norene Steele**  
 Transition Coordinators, The Lutheran Food Pantry



Student Sign Up



Volunteer Sign Up

VBS

June 17, 2024 - June 21, 2024

*"Who is My Neighbor"*

"Who is My Neighbor?" invites children and youth to re-imagine what it means to be neighbors in Christ. Based on the Good Samaritan story, this full, five-day program contains skits, games, crafts, snacks and intentional activities for children to enjoy and learn how our faith calls us out into the world to love and serve our neighbors.

**Themes for each day:**

- Day One** – God loves us (1 John 4:19)
- Day Two** – Let your light shine (Isaiah 58:10)
- Day Three** – No fear (1 John 4:18a)
- Day Four** – God loves everyone (Acts 10:34b-35)
- Day Five** – Building God's neighborhood (Romans 15:2)

On-Line Registration is available for Students & Volunteers. Just click on the appropriate QR Code.

Altar Flower sign-up is near the front doors (cost is \$30).  
FEAST Meals: Contact Lindsey at foodministry.oslc@gmail.com

Date	May 5	May 2	May 19	May 26
Altar Flowers			Sandra Anderson & Nikki Krause-in Memory of Ivan Anderson	
Altar Guild	Imogene Matejka, Janet Leick, Anna Allison, Gary & Wanda Hein			
FEAST Meal Provider	Lindsey	Lindsey	Lindsey	OPEN
OSLC Meal Delivery	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

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May Worship Schedule	
Sundays, 9am—in person & livestream	
<b>Sun., May 5</b>	Worship w/ communion (intinction) <b>Music:</b> OSLC Bells; <b>Liturgy:</b> Various
<b>Sun., May 12</b>	Worship w/ communion (individual cups) <b>Music:</b> Piano/Organ; <b>Liturgy:</b> Various
<b>Sun., May 19</b>	Worship w/ communion (intinction) <b>Music:</b> OSLC Choir; <b>Liturgy:</b> Various
<b>Sun., May 26</b>	Worship w/ communion (individual cups) <b>Music:</b> Set Free; <b>Liturgy:</b> Various

**OSLC Leadership Mission Statement**  
"Called and compelled by our hope in Jesus Christ, we empower our community to care, learn, teach, lead, and serve."

**OSLC Food Philosophy**  
Food is a gift of God's grace that brings us together for the growth and nourishment of body, soul, and community.





## In our church family prayers, we remember:

*Because we, the Body of Christ, carry each other through trials, struggles, and celebrations...*

**Those Needing Support:** Mary Jo Vitamvas, Victoria Heaton, Dwaine Rogge, Russell Wardlow, Manny Yezinai, Melanie Fowler, Kaitlyn, Becky Spike, Jesse Blackstock, Cindy Mejia, Teresa Kai, Michelle Daniel, Darlene Endsley, Bruce Cudly, Joshua Matz, Eldon Tillberg, Hunter Flink, Kris Hubbard, Richard Ries, Deb Eschliman, Matthew Weller, Sandy Guida

**Homebound:** Jan Albers, Betty Alm, Cooper Dennis, Sandee Fruhling, Eloise Landgren, Norm Leach, Naomi Maske, Marlin Pals, Dorothy Wise

**First Responders & Military Personnel:** Coty Surrounded, Tollie Yoder, Noah Yoder

**Partners in Mission:** Lincoln Area Cluster Congregations, Kimangaro Parish in Tanzania

**Justice & Peace:** Those impacted by the earthquakes in Taiwan; Those seeking pre-trial diversion and second chances; Those seeking help for mental health concerns; Those unable to afford safe housing.

**Grieving:** Sherrill & Kent Baumfalk at the death of her mother, LaDonna Halstead; Janet Chiocchi and family at the death of her mother, Charlotte Park; Rick, Rachel, Laura, and Steve Humann at the death of wife and mother, Cindy Humann; Family and friends of Meko Fanniel; Dave & Elsa Larson at the death of sister-in-law, Mary Tillberg.

**Celebrations:** Wedding of Andrew Fujan & Anna McKinney on April 16, 2024

**New members:** Ray Nierman, Melissa Graue, David & Sharon Fries, and Jo & Jennifer Young.



- 3—Linda Reed
- 4—Tiley Vech
- 5—Alyssa Zimmer
- 6—Italy Ellenberger, Melissa Rehm, Shirley Skrobecki
- 9—Dennison Jensen, Jerry Varner
- 10—Ashlynn Brunke, Ron Svasek
- 11—Breanne Cole
- 12—Patti Horstman
- 13—Ayden Kolman
- 17—Jacob Fujan, Lorie Scherling
- 18—George Haase, Jo Young
- 20—Stephanie Caudy
- 22—Christine Cooper, Haley Cords
- 26—Jacob Cederdahl
- 27—Jake Yoder
- 28—Emmett Jensen
- 29—Sean Erickson
- 30—Katie Cords, Britt Flink
- 31—Marlin Pals, Justin Reed, Alissa Ries



- 2—Sidney & Janet McCartney
- 3—Robert & Kathryn Andrews
- 14—Allison & Matt Kuta
- 15—John & Pamela Rallis
- 18—Dan & Cindy Rudolph
- 19—Scott & Linda Reed
- 20—Steven & Rita Walker
- 21—James & Barbara Brewer
- 22—Lonnie & Janet Miller
- 26—Stuart & Denise Essman, Michael & Jodi Kocher
- 27—Max & Judy Marquart
- 29—Stephen Kachman & Kathy Hanford



### Leave a Legacy

Give a gift in honor or in memory of a loved one this Memorial Day

Your gifts help make additional ministry possible. This quarter we have offered grants to:

- Youth Trip to Gathering in New Orleans
- Interfaith programming to help support impaired clergy
- OSLC Participation in Star City Pride events

## Announcements...

### Discipleship

*Because we know we learn and grow best in faith when we do it together. And we value that growth in children and adults of every age...*

**Cool Beans Bible Study** Cool Beans Bible Study meets Tuesdays, at 6:30pm in the Basement Activity Center. Currently studying, the "Sermon on the Mount". Contact Dan Warren or Karrie Licklitter with questions or call the church office. 402-483-4126

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study** Is studying Book of Daniel on Tuesdays 1pm in the Founder's Room with a zoom option.

### EDUCATION HOUR (Sundays, 10:15a.m.)

May 5— TBD

May 12 Vision Rally

May 19— Congregational Meeting

May 26— NO Education Hour

June 2— 11:00 'Watch Party' of Nebraska Synod Assembly Closing Worship

### Events & Notices

*Because we believe in relationships, opportunities to bless one another, and grow together...*

**Tech Team Training** We are creating a TEAM of leaders to run the livestream and powerpoint, hoping to work people into a rotation. If you are interested in learning to do either the cameras or the powerpoint (they're not as difficult as they may seem), plan to attend our training on **Tuesday, May 7, at 5:30p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

**Star City Pride Participation** We will be participating in this year's parade and vendor fair, June 7-8, 2024. Anyone who wants to order a t-shirt, walk in the parade, and/or help with the vendor booth, please sign up in the Atrium. T-shirts will be \$15 and need to be paid for upfront.

*Because we know that it takes a whole community to make a difference in the world...*

**Icons in Transformation** View the beautiful artwork of Ludmila Pawlowska at All Saints Episcopal Church, 9302 Blondo St., Omaha from April 14-June 9. Exhibition open Fridays 5-7pm, Saturdays 12-4p, and Sundays 11:30am-2:30pm. The artwork blends Russian iconography and contemporary techniques. Tours, musical performances, and lecture series also part of the exhibit. Learn more at [www.iconsintransformation.com](http://www.iconsintransformation.com).

**Garden Starts** Anyone seeking to donate seeds or plants for our vegetable garden, please talk to Lindsey @ [foodministry.oslc@gmail.com](mailto:foodministry.oslc@gmail.com).

**Nebraska Brass Concert** presents Nebraska Brass POPS, Sunday, May 19, 2:00pm @ OSLC. Adult admission is \$18, Seniors (65+) is \$15, Students & Children are free.

**Yesterday's Youth** Thursday, June 6th, 12pm in the Community Room. Come & have fun brainstorming ideas for future gatherings following our Potluck Meal. There will be prizes for suggestions, ex: the silliest, the most eco-friendly, the most colorful, etc. There will also be two drawings for \$25 dollar gift certificates for those in attendance. Questions? Contact Karrie: 402-430-5383

**Vision Rally & Congregational Meeting** At our meetings on May 12 & May 19, we'll be working through our annual budget and planning for the financial future of OSLC. We are all responsible for this conversation, so we hope you can all be present at this discussion.

**Lincoln Marathon** The marathon will occur the morning of Sunday, May 5. Please plan your route ahead of time as the marathon route disrupts many attempts to get to church from the south. Check out the marathon map at: <https://www.lincolmarathon.org/details/>

## NEHEMIAH ACTION ASSEMBLY

Thursday, May 2, 2024  
6:30p.m.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
84th & Pioneers St.

**Those wanting to carpool to the Assembly can meet at OSLC at 5:30 with a leave-time of 5:45p.m.**

## Worship with Nebraska Synod!



**Sunday, June 2, 11:00a.m.**  
**@ OSLC in the Community Room**

This year's Synod Assembly will take place on Saturday and Sunday. The synod congregations are invited to worship alongside the assembly via a live-streamed service on Sunday morning. We will still provide worship at 9am. The 11am service will take place in the Community Room around our weekly meal serving as communion. Please RSVP to [foodministry.oslc@gmail.com](mailto:foodministry.oslc@gmail.com) to reserve your meal.



**ELCA Youth Gathering, 2024 in New Orleans**

**Support our youth in the following ways.**

- **Make a donation marked for , "Youth New Orleans Trip"**
- Eat at Don & Millie's on the 2nd Sundays of the month. Make sure to tell them you are supporting OSLC!
- Pray for our youth attending the gathering: Mason Rathje, Daniel Lekule, and Lane Vech.
- **More fundraisers on the way!**



# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>April 28</p> <p>8:30a.m. Coffee/Fellowship (A)  <b>9:00a.m. Worship (S)—live-stream</b>            10:15a.m. Sunday School/Education Hour (BAC/CR)            11:30a.m. FEAST Lunch (FH)            7:30p.m. AA Meeting (FH)</p>	<p>April 29</p>	<p>April 30</p> <p>1:00p.m. Bible Study (FC)            3:30p.m. Jubilee Rehearsal (S)            7:00p.m. Mary/Martha Group (FC)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5:30p.m. Set Free Rehearsal (CH)            5:30p.m. Bells Rehearsal (S)            6:45p.m. Firelight (BAC)            6:45p.m. Catechism—Lecture            7:00p.m. Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00a.m. Men's Study (FC)  <b>6:30p.m. Nehemiah Action Assembly for Justice in Action @ St. Mark's United Methodist Church</b></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00a.m. Layettes of Love (FH)            1:00-5:00pm Foster-Jones Studio Recitals (S)</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8:30a.m. Coffee/Fellowship (A)  <b>9:00a.m. Worship (S)—live-stream</b>            10:15a.m. Sunday School/Education Hour (BAC/CR)            11:30a.m. FEAST Lunch (FH)            12:00-4:00pm LMB Young Artist Finals (S)            7:30p.m. AA Meeting (FH)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:30a.m. Freed for Life Planning (FC /zoom)            6:30p.m. Youth Gathering Group Mtg.            7:00p.m. Ray of Hope (FC)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00p.m. Bible Study (FC)            3:30p.m. Jubilee Rehearsal (S)            5:30p.m. Tech Team Training (S)            6:30p.m. Cool Beans Bible Study (BAC)            7:00p.m. Mary/Martha Group (FC)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30a.m. Esther Circle (FC)            11:30a.m. Wonder Seekers (BAC)            5:30p.m. Set Free Rehearsal (CH)            5:30p.m. Bells Rehearsal (S)            6:45p.m. Firelight (BAC)            6:45p.m. Catechism—Small Groups            7:00p.m. Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00a.m. Men's Study Group (FC)            10:00a.m. Staff Meeting (FC)            7:00p.m. Council Meeting (CR)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p><b>Don &amp; Millie's Day</b>  <b>Mother's Day</b>            8:30a.m. Coffee/Fellowship (A)  <b>9:00a.m. Worship (S)—live-stream</b>            10:15a.m. Sunday School/Education Hour (BAC/CR)            11:30a.m. FEAST Lunch (FH)            7:30p.m. AA Meeting (FH)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30p.m. Visitation Team Mtg (FC)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30a.m. Martha Circle (FC)            1:00p.m. Bible Study (FC)            3:30p.m. Jubilee Rehearsal (S)            6:00p.m. Faith-to-Faith Recovery Team Mtg (hybrid)            6:30p.m. Cool Beans Bible Study (BAC)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00a.m. Chat &amp; Tie (FH)            5:30p.m. Set Free Rehearsal (CH)            5:30p.m. Bells Rehearsal (S)            6:45p.m. Firelight (BAC)            6:45p.m. Catechism—Celebration            7:00p.m. Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00a.m. Men's Study Group (FC)            6:30p.m. Justice in Action Pre-Celebration Team Meeting (South Gate UMC)            7:30p.m. JiA Team Mtg. (South Gate UMC)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>8:30a.m. Coffee/Fellowship (A)  <b>9:00a.m. Worship (S)—live-stream</b>            10:15a.m. Sunday School/Education Hour (BAC/CR)            11:30a.m. FEAST Lunch (FH)            2:00p.m. Nebraska Brass POPS Concert (S)            7:30p.m. AA Meeting (FH)</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>Tiding's Deadline</b>            10:30a.m. Freed for Life Planning (FC/zoom)            7:00p.m. Ray of Hope (FC)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30-4:00 MHA Staff Meeting (FH)            1:00p.m. Bible Study (FC)            3:30p.m. Jubilee Rehearsal (S)            6:30p.m. Cool Beans Bible Study (BAC)            7:00p.m. Mary/Martha Group (FC)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00a.m. Chat &amp; Tie (FH)            11:30a.m. Wonder Seekers (BAC)            5:30p.m. Set Free Rehearsal (CH)            5:30p.m. Bells Rehearsal (S)            7:00p.m. Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00a.m. Men's Study Group (FC)            10:00a.m. Staff Meeting (FC)            7:00p.m. Women of Grace (FC)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00p.m. Serendipity Group (BAC)</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:30a.m. Coffee/Fellowship (A)  <b>9:00a.m. Worship (S)—live-stream</b>            10:15a.m. Education Hour (CR)            11:30a.m. FEAST Lunch (FH)            7:30p.m. AA Meeting (FH)</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>Memorial Day</b>  <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>28</p> <p>1:00p.m. Bible Study (FC)            3:30p.m. Jubilee Rehearsal (S)            6:30p.m. Cool Beans Bible Study (BAC)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00p.m. Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00a.m. Men's Study (FC)</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>June 1</p> <p>10:00a.m. Layettes of Love (FH)</p>