

# St. Olaf Lutheran Church

- THE CALLER -

SEPTEMBER 2025



*From Pastor Tom:*

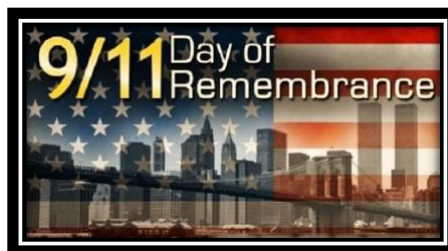
## A Journey in the Wilderness

St. Olaf Sermon Series in 2025-2026  
Old Testament  
Gospel of John  
Luther's Small Catechism

Isn't the Bible a huuuuuge collection of writings? Some of us have studied the Bible for years and know a lot. I think of our women's group called Searchers. They are constantly studying and learning God's ways through faithful study of the scriptures. Most of us have some knowledge and understanding but could grow in this. Therefore, this year we will have the opportunity to dig deeper into the Bible through Daily Readings and Bible-based Messages.

I believe we need to have our Bible open at all times, ready to read it at any moment. Shake the dust off of it, and place it in a prominent spot where you will read it daily.

Will you join me, our Confirmation students and parents, to read through the Old Testament (short readings) and the Gospel of John? I know you can do it. Let's get equipped so that our faith matures, our witness grows stronger, so we can preach the gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words. (Francis of Assisi) Perhaps most of us who fear using words, will grow in humble confidence, so that with the Spirit's help, we will speak up and share how our faith in God matters.



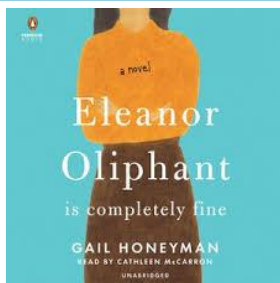
## SEPTEMBER LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Asst. Minister	Musicians
Sat, Sept. 6 5:00 p.m.	Cindy Schlieve	Cathy Paquette Steve Stretz
Sun, Sept. 7 9:00 a.m.	<b>Assistant Needed</b>	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz
Sat, Sept. 13 5:00 p.m.	<b>Assistant Needed</b>	Cathy Paquette
Sun, Sept. 14 9:00 a.m.	<b>Assistant Needed</b>	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz
Sat, Sept. 20 5:00 p.m.	Cindy Schlieve	Cathy Paquette
Sun, Sept. 21 9:00 a.m.	<b>Assistant Needed</b>	Clara Birkel
Sat, Sept. 27 5:00 p.m.	<b>Assistant Needed</b>	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz
Sun, Sept. 28 9:00 a.m.	<b>Assistant Needed</b>	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz

**September Altar Guild:** Jane Christenson

**September Counters:** Ron Egelseer  
Rob Howell

**SOAR BOOK CLUB**  
**Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:00pm**



### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The St. Olaf scholarship fund was created in 1998 through a generous donation by an anonymous donor. This donation, along with others, has been placed in an endowed fund that continues to grow its principal each year.

Using the endowed fund, distribution and contributions from the scrap metal, and scrip funds, the following students were awarded scholarships for the 2025-26 school year:

Claire Bingen, Amiah Brakob, Braeden Christenson, Andrew Hoffmann, Garrett Monis, Olivia Otto, Owen Otto, Sally Pietz, Sam Pietz, and Ella Smithyman

What an amazing accomplishment and blessing!

If you would like to be part of this exciting endeavor, you are encouraged to consider making a donation to either the endowed scholarship fund (continues to grow) or the annual scholarship distribution. This could

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Mark & Ronelle Christenson (26)
- 7 Dale & Deonne Eske (51)
- 15 Jerry & Cindy Schlieve (52)
- 16 Eric & Heather Dulay (19)
- 17 John & Andrea Roth (31)
- 19 Earl & Deborah Christenson (44)
- 23 Paul & Nichole Thusius (25)
- 24 Randall & Jean Bates (37)
- 27 Douglas & Peggy Morrissey (34)



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Diane Wolf
- 5 Geoffrey Kuzenski
- 9 Benjamin Becker,  
Heather Cummins, Peggy Morrissey
- 12 Ava Walter
- 13 Jim Frey, Mary Ellen Nelson, Tim Thompson
- 17 Cynthia Birkel, Bianca Schneider
- 18 Allen Warnecke
- 19 Nell Dulay
- 21 Jean Bates
- 23 Kristin Thiel, Mary Millikin
- 26 Cameron Meier
- 28 Martha Hansen, Tracy Marx, Debbie Stephan



Please take a look at the lost and found closet (closest one to the church office). There are a lot of items in there!

**LOST &  
FOUND**



be done in honor of an important event in someone's life (Christmas gift, birthday, anniversary, etc.) or in memory of a loved one. Also, Minimum Required Distributions could be dedicated to this fund. For more information or to make a donation, please contact Linda Feutz at [feutzl@gmail.com](mailto:feutzl@gmail.com) or call / text 262-224-0462.

Let's embrace our future generations and help support their education!



## FALL KICKOFF CELEBRATION

Sunday, **September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**EVERYONE Welcome!**

**Food & Fellowship following worship service.**



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL - THANK YOU!

A big "Thank You!" to all of you for supporting and attending the Ice Cream Social this year. It was a big success, with lots of new people, familiar faces and St. Olaf helpers all enjoying the music, cars, ice cream, sandwiches, and good conversation. Your efforts brought in over \$3000 toward our Youth mission trips, and once again provided an opportunity to share God's love with our community. If you have a yard sign for the event, please return them to the office for use advertising next year's event.

Shalom, shalom!

Mary Hershoff



## BLUEGRASS & SWEET CORN FESTIVAL THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that helped with and came out to enjoy the Bluegrass & Sweet Corn Festival. The weather didn't cooperate, but that didn't stop you from coming to enjoy the food and fellowship!





## ST. OLAF CHURCH

Saturday Sept. 27

\* Road ride starts 8:30am

\* All other events start 9:30am



I'm a little behind in encouraging you to register for the Ride, Run, Walk to support Outreach for Hope. The event is free, a lot of fun, and is a thank you for any donation you make to support this mission. **Outreach for Hope** supports ministry partner's work of clothing, feeding, and caring in the greater Milwaukee area including All Peoples Gathering Church. The goal this year is \$165,000. There are 4 beautiful locations to choose from. I plan to go to the new Waukesha location. You can see folks from All Peoples there.

- **Grafton:** Meets at Grace Lutheran Church
- **Kenosha:** Meets at Petrifying Springs Park
- **Milwaukee:** Meets at Washington Park (*no bike rides at this site*)
- **Waukesha:** Meets at Fox River Sanctuary **(NEW VENUE!)**

You can support the St. Olaf Team or me personally if you register or donate.

If I can help in any way please see or call me.

**Register + learn more** at [OFHRRW.org](https://OFHRRW.org).

At the left click on "Registration" to register  
Click on "How to Donate" to donate



Thank you

*Steve*



**Please register by Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>**

Those interested in attending and would rather not respond using the internet  
can rsvp to Mary Koepke at 414-640-8347

# KOEPKE PLEASANT VIEW FARM SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 2 PM – 9 PM**

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Please join us as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Koepke Pleasant View Farm, which has been in continuous operation by the family since 1875.

The event will include a children's activity area, wagon tours of the property, live music and a buffet dinner. PLUS, join Farmers for Lake Country and learn about the innovative agricultural strategies that are being implemented locally to protect our waterways.

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED**

VISIT [TALLPINESCONSERVANCY.ORG](https://tallpinesconservancy.org)  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE



**THANKS!**  
**FROM OUR PARTNER CHURCH:**



Thank you very much for always being there supporting our partner church *All Peoples* when they need our help. Every can of food, every bit of produce, every child's book, every school supply item goes directly to individuals and families.

The result of that is a person less hungry and able to help others. It results in one more child with food and school



supplies able to learn. It makes a difference now and, I hope, in the future. We are God's hands and feet in this world sharing God's love and caring for community.

I would also like to recognize two of our corporate

partners in this mission. One is Piggly Wiggly in Hartford. The bakery department has been very generous and helpful every week. They box up the bakery goods that are near or past their prime date and Diana Dorosz picks them up each week. I then bring them in to distribute at the garden or be used for meals. This donation is greatly appreciated by those at the garden.

Another is Festival Foods in Hartford. At the garden we often have to break down items in large containers into smaller portions. We also have to sort through and repackage produce where part may be spoiled. This requires lots of bags and containers. Diana decided to ask Festival Foods if they would donate some bags and containers. They agreed, she filled out a form and they donated 100 containers, twist ties and 1000 plastic bags.

Both have helped in other small ways when we needed help or shop for the food pantry. Thanks to Diana for the ideas and her work to make them real. Without that neither would happen. Thanks to Piggly Wiggly and Festival for their caring and help.



## **News from St. Olaf Women of Grace**

**September 2025**

### **Women of Grace Meeting**

The next meeting of the Women of Grace (WOG) will be on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Topics will certainly include the 2025 Lutefisk Dinner/Bake Sale/Scandi Butik, as well as any other topics that come to our attention. We welcome all members to attend our meetings and offer suggestions. Light refreshments will be available.

### **Searchers**

The Searchers Bible study group meets every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Jane Christenson, most usually. We have finished season 5 of "The Chosen". Beginning in September, we are planning to prepare the Splash pages for families with children who have been baptized at St. Olaf, up to age 3 or 4. The pages offer suggestions to bring God into the lives of the families as well as other helpful ideas. We will also be able to pray for those families as we prepare the pages to be mailed or delivered. The second Tuesday will continue to be the study in the "Gather" magazine. The last 2 Tuesdays will be whatever we have chosen to study. Our next study will be to use the first book of "The Chosen Devotional". As always, our discussions will be interesting, enlightening, and a great experience to share with other women.

The *Gather* Magazine study that we will be using on September 9, 2025 is a brand new 3-month study entitled "Money, Stewardship and Generosity" by the Rev. Christa von Zychlin. The first session is entitled "Money—What do we treasure?" and is described as follows: "From Genesis through Revelation, gold, silver and jewels serve as icons of God's goodness. And yet, the love of money is a powerful source of argument, lies and literal enslavement. King Solomon, famously, chose wisdom over treasure. Jesus, leaning on his mother's values, teaches his disciples to dig deep for real treasure." Copies of the study will be available for anyone who does not subscribe to the magazine. Please feel free to join us for what promises to be a very interesting study.

### **Bluegrass Festival and Corn Roast – THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who provided desserts for this wonderful event. Though we had quite a bit of rain this year, we still had a pretty good turnout. Most of the baked goods that were provided were sold. The ones that were not sold were donated to All Peoples Church for their enjoyment. Again, THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY!

**Wishing you Peace, Love, Joy, and Good Health,**

Cindy J. Schlieve, President

262-490-7134; jschlieve@wi.rr.com

***"If today gets difficult, remember the smell of coffee, the way the sunlight bounces off a window, the sound of your favorite person's laugh, the feeling when a song you love comes on, the color of the sky at dusk, and that we are here to take care of each other."***

**Author Unknown – a post on Facebook that I found very valuable for us to remember**

# Youth Ministry News

September 2025



A **BIG** thank you to all who helped to make VBS a wonderful experience for all!

## OUTREACH FOR HOPE

September 27th - Ride-Run-Walk!  
Check out more information for this event [HERE](#)

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## BOX CITY

October 4th-5th - Youth will raise awareness for homelessness and stay overnight at St. Olaf in boxes. Details will be emailed to youth families.

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**WOO HOO!** It's time for Sunday School to begin!  
Register [HERE](#)

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**RALLY DAY** Sept. 7th  
Kick off another year of Sunday School, Confirmation & youth activities.

## LOOKING FOR:

Volunteers to help teach or assist with Sunday School. This fall we will have two Sunday School classes running each week. With many more preschool students, more hands are needed. Please contact Kris Pietz if you are available once a month, or sign up [HERE](#)



## SAVE-THE-DATE

St Olaf has a Christmas Program led by the Sunday School students each year. This year, the program is on **Sunday, December 14th** during the 9:00 am worship service. Are you available to help this year? There are many different ways to get involved: planning, directing, costume organizer, or music. And we can always use an extra set of hands with children as well! Please let Kris know if you can help at [stolafchildren@gmail.com](mailto:stolafchildren@gmail.com)

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## ST OLAF YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Sunday School - Kris Pietz [stolafchildren@gmail.com](mailto:stolafchildren@gmail.com)

Confirmation Youth - Pastor Tom Pietz [pietztom1@gmail.com](mailto:pietztom1@gmail.com)

Teen Discipleship - Scott Siegrist [stolafyouthleader@gmail.com](mailto:stolafyouthleader@gmail.com)



# Vacation Bible School





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# Ice Cream Social





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# Bluegrass Festival



To view the entire (larger print) calendar, go to our [website calendar](#)

Public Calendar

Sep 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Pt. Tom on vacation 9am - Worship	1 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Pt. Tom on vacation	2 6:30am - Men's Life Group - 9am - Searchers @ Jane 5pm - Weekly Prayer Group -	3 8:30am - Wednesday Morning 5pm - Mission Team Meeting 6pm - Fish Fry (Maple Inn) -	4	5	6 9am - Properties mtg - Small 5pm - Worship
7 Kickoff Sunday - Sunday 9am - Worship 10am - Food / Fellowship for	8 3pm - Women of Grace	9 6:30am - Men's Life Group - 9am - Searchers @ Jane 5pm - Weekly Prayer Group -	10 8:30am - Wednesday Morning 6pm - Fish Fry (Maple Inn) -	11 Day of Remembrance 12pm - Book Club - Small 4pm - Music, Worship, Arts 5:30pm - Council Meeting	12	13 5pm - Worship - Healing
14 9am - Worship - Healing	15	16 Pt out of town - on retreat 6:30am - Men's Life Group - 9am - Searchers @ Jane 5pm - Weekly Prayer Group -	17 8:30am - Wednesday Morning 6pm - Fish Fry (Maple Inn) -	18 Fellowship Hall Reserved 9am - Soup Ministry	19	20 5pm - Worship - Classic
21 9am - Worship - NO Praise	22 8:00am-CALLER ARTICLES	23 6:30am - Men's Life Group - 9am - Searchers @ Jane 5pm - Weekly Prayer Group -	24 8:30am - Wednesday Morning 4pm - Ashippun Food Pantry 6pm - Fish Fry (Maple Inn) -	25	26	27 Koepeke Farm OFFH Ride, Run, Walk 5pm - Worship
28 9am - Baptism - Paisley 9am - Worship	29	30 6:30am - Men's Life Group - 9am - Searchers @ Jane 5pm - Weekly Prayer Group -	1 8:30am - Wednesday Morning 5pm - Mission Team Meeting 6pm - Fish Fry (Maple Inn) -	2 5:30pm - Thrivent - Financial	3	4 Youth - BOX CITY 9am - Properties mtg - Small 5pm - Worship