

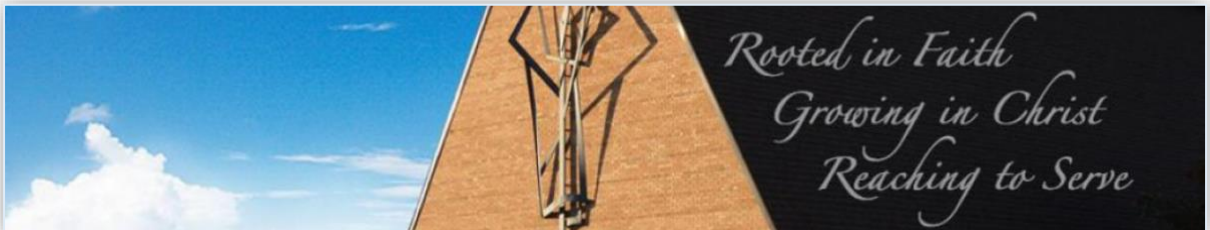
SUNDAY, July 5th
US Semiquincentennial



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

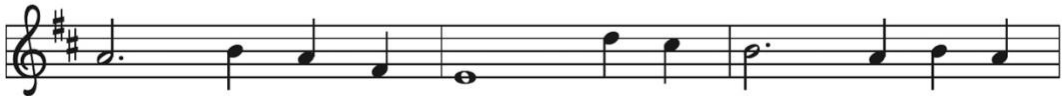
OPENING HYMN

Come to Me, O Weary Travelers

ACS# 1017



1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; come to
 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; rest in



me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
 fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -
 yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
 me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is



bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
 fore you; do not run from me in fright."
 side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
 gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
 source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary,
 glory and peace to the ends of the earth. **Amen.**

Let us bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of all mercy,

we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation.

**Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good
 is at war with the evil that dwells in us.**

We lament the evil that holds us captive.

We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

**Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage
 through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins through the grace of ✚ Jesus Christ,
 and by the Spirit's power strengthen you in doing what is good.

Amen.

KYRIE

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.
 Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

VERSE 2

2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
 hun-gry and the poor; that
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
 let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
 peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
Refrain
 hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of

vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Zechariah 9:9-12

Nina Kampf, Lector

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 145:8-14 *Please respond with verses in bold print.*

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

SECOND READING Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30. The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸ "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY

Day By Day

ELW# 790

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Please respond after each petition: "God of Grace," (Pastor) "hear our prayer," (Congregation).

CONCLUDING PRAYER: Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING Thank you for your continued financial support of OSLC! Whether you join us in person or online, the ministry & missions of Our Savior's depend on faithful giving. You can give the following ways:

- + online links can be found by accessing our website at <https://www.oslcmn.com/>
- + Using the QR code found here:
- + Contacting the church office to set up regular automatic giving
- + Dropping off or mailing in your offering – *Thank you*



OFFERTORY

Accept, O Lord, The Gifts We Bring, Vs. #1

ELW# 691



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.

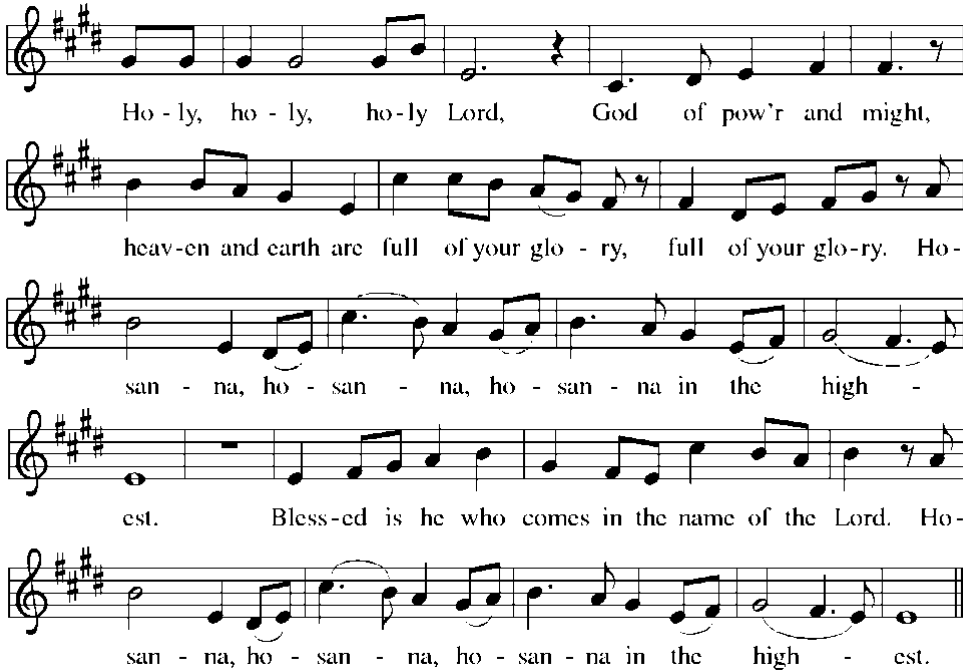
OFFERING PRAYER Blessed are you, O God, for waves of grain and harvesters, fruitful vines and winepresses, for our labor and our rest, for the gifts of your hand in this land. Transform us and what we offer into the banquet of your compassion, serving your love without limits through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

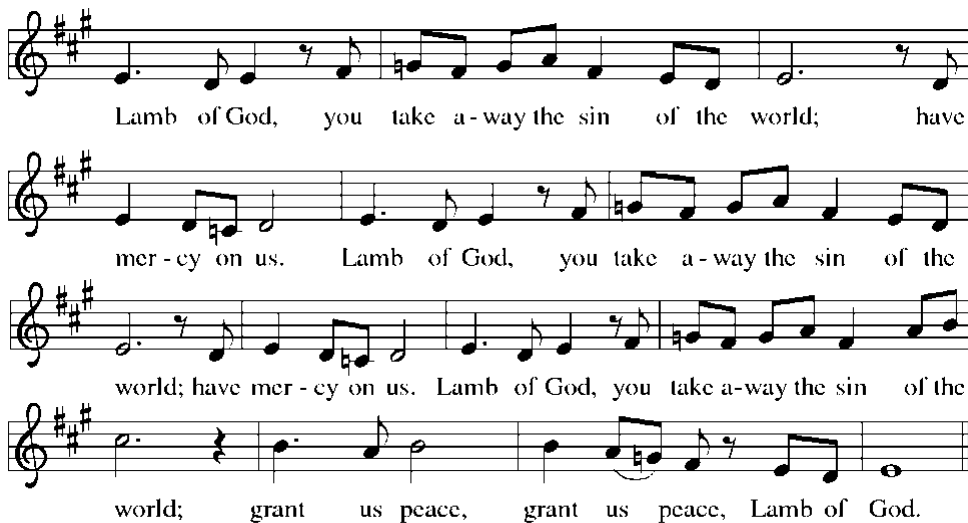
LORD'S PRAYER Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven: Taste and know that God is good to all.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling
Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW# 608

ELW# 726

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Author of life, the Word of salvation, the Breath of new birth, † one God, bless you and equip you for living and serving, today and every day. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

This Is My Song

ELW# 887

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Mark Ongalo, Organist

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WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Tom, Fred, Steven, Gary, Chuck, Ron, Nadia, Butch, Mary, Ruth, Hudson, Wilson, Logan, Nel, Dan, Jim, Kyle, Cliff, Ryan, Alexandra W, Dan, Leslie, Shannon, Dale, Adeline, Sue, Jim, Wendy, Fred, Harry, Scooby, Larry, Caleb, Jake, Laurie, Mike, Tedd, Matthew, Rick & Betsy, Gordon, Ross, Anna, Archer, Sharon, Mary, Debbie, Leanne, Addy, Deb, Kyle, Gerilyn, Wally, Ralph, Sue.

Call the church office or Pastor if you have a prayer need: we can send it to the prayer chain if you desire. If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.

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Bookkeeper: Carole Rutka

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Musicians: Kristen Weikum, Mark Ongalo, Jen Fredrickson, Anna & Jim De Foe



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

6th Sunday after Pentecost, Semiquincentennial

PIPE PROJECT The Fellowship Hall paneling is completed and varnished! Thank you to all who helped with painting, staining, and reconstructing the past month and a half! Your work is very noticeable, and we appreciate the time you have given to OSLC and our pipe project~ The new registers are being worked on by JK Heating and the project will be completed soon.

THE HOUSE IS BUILT!! Can you believe it was the beginning of May this congregation gave to build a new house in Guatemala at the concert, and the house has already been built? Take a look at the build pictures on the glass cabinet in the narthex (also coming in your July newsletter) and the special “Thank you” from Juan & Elda and their children and Shawn & Brad of Recycled Lives.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS: We need 11 adults **TO PRAY FOR 11 YOUTH** on their **mission trip in July**; talk with Pastor Liz if you’re able. The combined **VBS** takes place at Gethsemane **July 26-29, 5-8pm**, there is also a QR code for that on the handout, to register children, and to volunteer.

**The planning meeting will be held Tues., July 7th at 1pm at Gethsemane Lutheran.*

SUMMER CHOIR Although our choir is taking a break during the summer, we will have a “pick-up” choir for services **7/19, and 8/16**, all Sundays (8:30 a.m. practice before the 9:30 service). We invite anyone interested to join us! If you would like to sing in the choir occasionally, but don’t want to commit to every week, now’s your chance! Some of our “veteran” choir members will be singing on those Sundays, so you won’t be alone. Come make music & have some fun with us!

BOOK STUDY GROUP We are studying a wonderful classic titled, *“Falling Upward.”* The plan is to read a chapter at home, then read a chapter together and hold open discussion afterwards-which has been fun & lively so far! Dates & time are: **July 9 & 23, Aug. 13 & 27, 12-1pm**, in the Fireside Room.

WELCA & Fun-Duh-Mentals BIBLE STUDY Join us this Tuesday for WELCA Study & Discussion using the WELCA Gather study guide @ 1pm, or @ 4pm for Fun-Duh-Mentals in the Fireside Room where we approach biblical accounts with child-like wonder & an investigative eye! Both studies are open & do not require you to be seasoned with Bible Studies! **All three Book studies above provide opportunity at different times during the month to explore spiritual life & build relationships; join us when you can!**

WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP Today’s Livestream is sponsored by Tom Klabecek, in loving memory of wife Jarie. *Thank you for your support.* To sponsor Livestream & TV Broadcasts in honor of a person or special event (wedding annivers., birthday, graduation etc..) or in memory of a loved one, you may do so in any amount- It helps maintain our sound/camera equipment. See the kiosk/glass cabinet in the narthex to sign up. *Your support is appreciated.*

THIS WEEK @ OSLC: JULY 6 10:30AM AA 2 PM ORGAN PR. 5:30PM TOPS 6PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM NA	JULY 7 10:30AM AA 1PM WELCA BIBLE STUDY 1PM VBS MEETING GELC 2 PM ORGAN PR. 4PM FUN-DUH-MENTALS STUDY	JULY 8 9AM QUILTING 10:30AM AA 11AM FINANCE MTG 12-3PM C.CLOSET 2 PM ORGAN PR. 5:30PM ALANON	JULY 9 10:30AM AA 11AM COUNCIL MTG 12PM BOOK STUDY FALLING UPWARD 6PM CUB SCOUTS 7PM NA W. WING	JULY 10 10:30AM AA 7PM NA W.WING	JULY 11 9AM – 11:30AM OSLC FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, AND COMM. CLOSET 10:30AM AA
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Pipe Project Together, we can!

Received as of 12/31/25

\$173,649.09

Received in January

\$2,323.56

Received in February

\$6,986.66

Received in March

\$92,364.57

Received in April

\$7,360.82

Received as of 5/31

\$7043.86

Received as of 5/31/26

\$289,728.46

Outstanding pledges

\$18,898.17

Endowment Fund balance

\$26,730.96



New estimated project total

\$384,000 +/-

Payment #1 9/30/25 \$138,000

Payment #2 5/18/26 \$133,765.25

Other bills: Abatement \$2000

Carpentry work: \$2917.25 as of 6/24

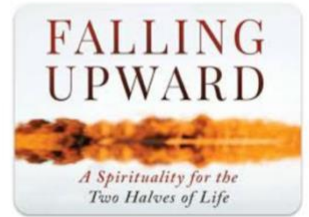
Summer Book Study

2nd and 4th Thursdays

Noon-1pm

Join us for a book study
this summer. No need to read
ahead, we will read together

All are welcome!



Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Virginia

THE HANSEN COUNTRY

PRODUCE STAND

WILL BE OPEN

WED., JULY 8TH



CLOSET PANTRY

Below are the following challenge items for the pantry. You can buy what you desire & at the store that is most convenient for you; we just provide examples of most commonly needed items for the week and give examples of spending \$10 or less. We appreciate all donations!

1. Crystal Farms block or shredded cheese @ Super One
2/\$5, variety
2. Kraft macaroni & cheese @ super one
4/\$5
3. Marketside fresh vegetables @ Walmart
\$2.47 per 12oz bag, variety
4. Fresh strawberries @ Walmart
\$1.72/8.8oz container
5. Ball Park franks or Oscar Myers Classics @ Walmart
\$2.84/8-10pk



*Canned veggies, fruit, tuna, spaghetti sauce, pb & j are always in need, as are shampoo, body wash & deodorant.



GuatsUP?

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

July 2026

What if some of the most important and life-changing work we do isn't what you can see?

This month, two families received homes.

We celebrate the finished walls, new roofs, cement floors, and smiles as families step into a safer future.

But what we are celebrating most is something much harder to photograph.

Every home begins long before construction starts.

It begins when someone trusts us enough to share their story.

It begins with a conversation.

A prayer.

A home visit.

A relationship.

This month reminded us again that God often reveals the greatest needs through relationships built over time. Before a foundation is poured or a block is laid, He is already preparing hearts, opening doors, and answering prayers.

Those moments are the heartbeat of our daily ministry.

Your generosity allows us to remain present in San Gabriel and Estrellas del Sur — not only to build homes and deliver desperately needed food, but to build Christ-centered relationships that create opportunities for people to encounter the transforming love of Jesus.

As you read this month's stories, we hope you see more than completed projects.

We hope you see God at work.

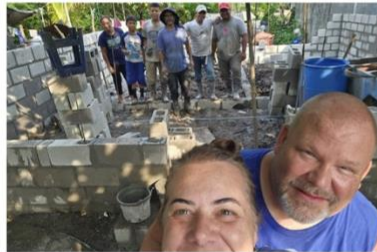
Thank you for faithfully supporting and walking this journey with us.

With gratitude,

Brad & Shawn

Let's Build a Home Where Love Can Dwell

A home for Juan & Elda



The end of June brought the completion of Juan and Elda's home. For three weeks, Elda and her youngest son, Jose Omar, worked alongside our construction crew in 100-degree heat and sweltering humidity — preparing lunches, pushing wheelbarrows, moving blocks, preparing materials, and helping ready the land each day for the masons.

This home was made possible through the generosity of everyone who supported the **Concert for a Cause** event, planned and carried out by **Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Virginia, Minnesota**. Because of this beautiful event, the materials and labor were provided to build Juan and Elda a strong, safe home.

We are also deeply grateful for our faithful Ministry Presence donors, whose support makes our day-to-day presence possible in Guatemala. It is that ongoing support that allows us to visit, listen, pray, respond, and walk with families long before and long after a project is completed.

FOR A VIDEO OF THE HOUSE BUILD CLICK BELOW LINK:

https://youtu.be/0Se77hdD7oo?si=GDb_GZB4FBmm2FAy

A Mother's Prayers Answered

a home for Andy & Belveth



Last month, we shared how God is always working as our "theme" for the **Cena con Jesús**, our monthly dinner, worship, testimony, and discipleship gathering. During that evening, a mother shared her testimony about God's faithfulness. For years, she had prayed on her knees for a stable home for her daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren.

Her daughter, Belveth, was facing homelessness.

We did not know the full weight of the situation, but God did. In His perfect timing, He had already begun opening the door. During a visit to check on a water line issue, Shawn saw the need firsthand. Because of the generosity of those who give to our Home Improvement Fund along with leftover materials from previous projects, we were able to step in and help build an emergency home for this sweet family.

Now Andy, Belveth, and their two children have a cement floor, walls, a roof, a bathroom, and a safe place to begin again. What began as a mother's prayer became a testimony of God's provision.

MORE THAN JUST PROJECTS

This month, you saw two families receive homes. But you also saw something more.

You saw how a mother's testimony revealed an urgent need.

You saw how faithful relationships uncovered a family facing homelessness.

You saw how God used available resources, willing hearts, and generous donors to answer years of prayer.

You saw the love of Christ become tangible.

These stories remind us that the work of Recycled Lives is not simply about building houses or distributing food. Those projects matter deeply. But they are just the visible fruit of something deeper.

Every visit, prayer, shared meal, worship night, conversation, and act of generosity creates another opportunity for someone to experience the love of Jesus.

That is the ministry your support makes possible. Together, we are not simply completing projects. We are building relationships, making disciples, and witnessing God recycle lives for His glory.



Join Us in Prayer:

This month, as you pray for Recycled Lives, would you join us in asking God to continue doing what only He can do?



Pray for Juan & Elda and Andy & Belveth's families

As they settle into their new homes, pray that each home becomes more than shelter. Pray that each one becomes a place of peace, stability, healing, laughter, and the presence of Christ.



Pray for Cena con Jesús

Pray that hearts continue to be transformed as families gather each month for worship, prayer, testimony, and discipleship.



Pray for divine appointments

Pray that God continues to lead us to the people who need encouragement, prayer, and hope. Ask Him to help us remain sensitive to His leading and faithful in saying yes.



Pray for faithful presence

Pray that God continues to provide the daily resources needed for Recycled Lives to remain present in San Gabriel and Estrellas del Sur — building relationships, making disciples, and creating opportunities for Jesus to transform lives.

"Projects may introduce us to a community, but discipleship is what changes a community."

**ENJOY A HAPPY & SAFE FOURTH OF JULY
SAFELY!**

AND TRAVEL