

Stepping Up! Speaking Up!



ELEANOR
SQUAD

Adult Forum — Sunday, September 20 11:00am-12:00pm
How Can Lutherans Step Up & Speak Up for Creation and Those in Need?
Come Hear & Learn! Join us for a special Adult Forum with Tammy Walhof,
Director of Lutheran Advocacy in Minnesota. Tammy will share how
Lutherans can advocate for wise and just public policies that address
hunger, poverty, and stewardship of God’s creation.

Confirmation Registration



Calling all 7th–9th graders! Registration for OSLC
Confirmation is now open for the 2026–2027 year.

Confirmation Fee: \$150 per student annually. You may choose to Pay Now
or Pay Later if you prefer installments or need scholarship assistance. Pay
later payments can be made at oursaviorsonline.org → Give →
Confirmation Fund.

Want to help another student participate? Donations to the
Confirmation Scholarship Fund are welcome at
oursaviorsonline.org → Give → Confirmation.
Please register by scanning the QR code to the right!



Guatemala Gala + Picnic



Mark your calendars for the Woven Together Guatemala Gala on Sunday,
October 4, from 4:00–8:00 p.m. at the Town & Country Club in Saint Paul.
This special evening celebrates the ministry and partnerships of the
Guatemala Companion Synod program and supports ongoing work with our
companions in Guatemala.

Register by scanning the QR code to the right. Tickets are \$75
per person, and sponsored tables for 10 guests are available for
\$1,500.



Volunteer to Clean OSLC



The OSLC Cleaning Crew is still looking for four
families to commit to cleaning the youth room one
time a month. Service hours can be earned for doing
this! Please contact Renne Dietz at
reneedietz2@gmail.com should you be interested in
this opportunity to help.

Youth Club + Youth Club Jr.

Join us for a year of faith, friendship, and fun! Youth Club + YC Jr. meet
every Wednesday from 5:00–7:30 p.m., beginning September 30 through
April 28 (with scheduled breaks on Nov. 25, Dec. 23 + 30, March 10 + 24).

Each evening includes:

- Bible learning and faith-filled discussions
- Crafts, games, baking, and other hands-on activities
- Opportunities to participate in worship and serve others
- A family-style dinner (optional for YC Jr.)



Cost: \$150 for the year (meal included) Scholarships are available, email
larmbright@oursaviorsonline.org for more information.



Youth Club: Grades 2–5



Youth Club Jr.: PreK–Grade 1





Stay up to
date on
the news
at OSLC!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 6
FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE
9:45am Summer Worship

Monday, September 7
Labor Day - Office Closed
10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday, September 8
10:00am Quilters

Thursday, September 10
6:00pm SAS Cohort
7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, September 12
Communion Set up
8:00am Overeaters Anonymous

Sunday, September 13
Rally Sunday!
9:45am Rally Sunday Worship

Monday, September 14
10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study
3:30pm Executive Committee
5:30pm YC Parent mtg planning

Tuesday, September 15
10:00am Quilters
7:00pm Congregational Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 16
6:00pm COW Kickoff

Thursday, September 17
Amazing Gray's Como Visit



Attendance Totals:
August 30, 2026

9:45 AM
In-person = 120
Online* = 126

*The ELCA's online worship reporting guidelines multiply
online views by 2 to account for individuals within a
household.





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SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 6, 2026 †



Created for relationship with God, all people everywhere and creation itself.
Called to equip people to serve by growing disciples of Jesus Christ.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:45am Summer Worship

SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY
Rev. Leland Armbright
Kate Sanderson, Accompanist

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS
L: God of reconciliation,
C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we
turn from your presence in our lives. We place our hope
in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to
believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your
good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference
and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive
us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead
us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.
Amen.
L: Beloved people of God, by the radical abundance of God’s
grace we have peace with God through Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our
sins are forgiven and we are called to live in hope because
God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the
Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN As We Gather at Your Table
all verses ELW#522

GREETING
Children are invited to come forward to lead this portion of
the service.
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also
with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
L: Let us pray. O God,
C: enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual
mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove
far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us
toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF PRAISE Lord God, We Praise You
all verses ELW#558

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Reader: Jeanne Zaske

PSALM 119:33-40
Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe
it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of
your commandments, for I delight in it. Turn my heart to your

decrees and not to selfish gain. Turn my eyes from looking at
vanities; be gracious to me according to your word. Confirm to
your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.
Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are
good. See, I have longed for your precepts; in your
righteousness be gracious to me.

MATTHEW 16:21-28
If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the
fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you
have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one
or two others along with you, so that every word may be
confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that
person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the
offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be
to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you,
whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and
whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again,
truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you
ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where
two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among
them.”
L: The Gospel of the Lord!
C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON Pastor Leland Armbright

HYMN OF THE DAY God, When Human Bonds are Broken
verses 1, 2, 3 + 5 ELW#603

NICENE CREED
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe
in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true
God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with
the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for
our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of
the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he
suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose
again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into
heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will
come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his
kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe
in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge
one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
After each intercession, please respond to the words
L: “Lord in your mercy,” with the words,
C: “Hear Our Prayer.”

RECONCILIATION
L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING



Scan the QR code with your phone’s camera to visit our online giving page. You may also text the dollar amount you would like to give to **651-374-9696**. You will then be prompted to securely enter your payment information through a protected web page.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

L: The Lord be with you!
C: **And also with you.**
L: Lift up your hearts!
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise!**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial.
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL



All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Ingredients and nutrition information for the communion bread are available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Gluten-free wafers are available— simply ask an usher.

COMMUNION BLESSING

L: May the body and blood of our precious Lord and Savior, strengthen you and keep you to life everlasting.
C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

L: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

L: Receive this blessing: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!
verses 1 - 3 ELW#619

DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Rally Sunday



Mark your calendars for Rally Sunday on **September 13** as we kick off a new year of worship, learning, and fellowship at Our Savior’s!

Join us at **9:45 AM** for worship, followed by food, games, fellowship, and fun. This special Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect after the summer months, celebrate all that God is doing in our congregation, and look ahead to the ministries and opportunities that the fall season brings.

Our worship service for this day will be outdoors, weather permitting. We'll be on the North Lawn (between the church building and Woodland Rd. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. There is a paved, flat space available for those with mobility challenges.

Whether you’ve been worshiping with us all summer or have been away for a while, we’d love to see you back! Rally Sunday is also the perfect time to invite a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member to join you and experience the welcoming community of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church.

Come together as a congregation as we celebrate and highlight the many ministries, groups, and activities that make OSLC such a vibrant, faith-filled community.

We also need your help! Please check out our SignUpGenius for volunteer opportunities and donation requests to help make Rally Sunday a success - scan the QR code. Help us spread the word by sharing our Rally Sunday event on social media and inviting those around you personally.



livestream Please be aware that we livestream all of our worship services; including audio & video recording. By participating at events or worship at OSLC you consent to being recorded or photographed & understand that the content will be shared publicly. Thank you for understanding.

Prayer Concerns

Rochelle Miller, Sara Travis, Tom Larson, Lynn Rossiter, Jim Rauner, Shana, The Mann’s granddaughter, Marge Otte, Susan Chavie, Cherie + Ron, Randy + Cheryl Herschman, Annie & the Summer Fun Program.

First Responders, Military & their families
San Isidro Labrador in Guatemala, Tarkanfi in Ethiopia

Shut-ins unable to worship with us include:
Marnie Mackey, Marlys Gamm, Elaine Thielke, Cindy Durand, Katie Stormo, Garnet Ellertson, Russ Eklund & Marlena McClanahan.

To join the prayer chain or to add your concerns, please email prayerchain@oursaviorsonline.org or call *Jeanne Zaske at 651-398-2414*

Our Savior’s Lutheran Church - Financial Summary
For the Seventh Month of our Year Ended December 31, 2026

	July 2026 Actuals	YTD 2026 Actuals
Total Income	\$65,971	\$445,160
Total Expenses	\$42,915	\$380,208
Budgeted Net Surplus / (Deficit)	\$23,056	\$64,952
Pass Through (Income) Expense	(\$1,868)	\$1,760
Other Income	\$0	\$0
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	21,188	66,712

Treasurer’s Report

Financial Statement - We are at +\$66.7k year to date. We have gained back some of the surplus we lost in June as a result of increased giving - good news! Please continue to give generously and get caught up on your Pledges and Step-up commitments.

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow - The total of cash and accounts receivable is \$262.3k. Funds allocated to dedicated accounts is \$142.7k. This leaves us with available cash of \$119.6k in excess of dedicated funds. To be healthy, from a cash flow perspective, we should have more than 3 months of expenses in cash reserve, or \$150k. Revenues were greater than expenses in July which increases our available cash. This is important because as 75th funds are spent, we need to build our non-dedicated funds cash balance.. Another reason to ensure strong giving as we move through the final sanctuary improvements.



Worship Space Update

We have made steady progress in renovating the Sanctuary but we will not be able to gather for worship in this space until October 11th. You are invited to join us at 9:45am each Sunday in Luther Hall for worship.



Advocacy in Action

How can congregations grow in faithful civic engagement and advocacy?

This fall, Lutheran Advocacy-Minnesota, the Northeast Minnesota Synod EcoFaith Network, and Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light invite congregations to explore this question together.

Join us for **“The Biblical Basis for Civic Engagement”** on **Tuesday, September 22, at 6:30 p.m.** to explore the biblical and Lutheran foundation for civic engagement and advocacy.

Fall drop-in conversations will also provide opportunities for encouragement, idea-sharing, and problem-solving. **Discover how your congregation can join its voice with others for neighbors and nature!**



Staffing Updates Continue

Pastor Susie accepted a call to serve another faith community and her last day in the office was August 27th as she's on vacation for the next couple of weeks. While we will miss her presence deeply, we also give thanks for the ways God continues to call leaders into new seasons of ministry. The St Paul Area Synod is already working to identify an Interim Pastor to assist us during this time.

We know this a lot of transition and seems overwhelming, but our faith reminds us we are still held in the palm of God's hands. There is much to do, but we can make it through together. Sonja Zabel, an OSLC member and former staff member, will be serving as interim youth director. Sonja began on September 1st and will lead the ministries Nick Gilbert led for many years. Kelly Marquard is coordinating Rally Sunday. Pastor Leland will be working with the Children's Ministry Team to continue leading Youth Club, Youth Club Jr, and other children's ministries. Volunteers are still needed to assist with both children and youth ministries, please talk to Pastor Leland or Sonja Zabel if you are willing to help out!

Sonja’s Bio: *Sonja Zabel has been a member of OSLC since 2018, and her connection to the congregation goes back even further — she served as Youth Ministry Director here from 2010-12, before stepping away to raise her family. She and her husband, Tony, are proud parents to Esther (18), Trygve (16), and Cooper (15), all of whom have come through OSLC’s confirmation program. Over the years, Sonja has volunteered extensively at OSLC, including with confirmation, the Connections team, and reading in worship, among other roles. With more than two decades of ministry experience — alongside running her own home downsizing and clear-out business — Sonja is passionate about walking alongside young people as they explore their faith and navigate an increasingly complex world. She’s excited to step into this interim role and get started!*

When a pastor leaves, the challenge facing the congregation is more than the calling of another pastor. The congregation needs to do the work necessary to lay the foundation for a successful next chapter of ministry. InterServe Ministries will be with us beginning in September to help us evaluate our children, youth, and family ministries and where we go from here. This will assist us long-term planning and in the process of seeking additional pastoral leadership. Pastor Leland and the Church Council are available to anyone who wishes to ask questions.