

THE PULSE



OUR SAVIOR'S
Lutheran Church

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Wednesday, October 15th 2025

Kransekake Class

Have you ever wanted to make a Norwegian Kransekake – the “wreath cake” that is served for special occasions? Come and learn how to make this beautiful, but really very simple cake made from only 3 ingredients. No experience necessary. Cost will be approximately \$8-\$10/person depending on the number of participants.

Bring your own Kransekake pans if you have them, but there will be pans available at the class.

Please contact Marilyn Erickson via text to 763-337-0932 or via email mlpderickson@comcast.net if you have questions or to register. You may also sign up between services on Sundays, October 19th & 26th or online by clicking the button below.



Register to bake
Kransekake

Check out our Facebook
event



ELEANOR
SQUAD 

Eleanor Squad Forum

October 26th 9:45AM in Luther Hall

Join us to celebrate Eleanor Yackel's birthday! Eleanor was a champion of social justice causes during her life and was the inspiration for our groups name. Then come to hear Dr. Peter McLellan who is Program Director for

Hunger Education with the ELCA's Building Resilient Communities team. Peter was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior's, Peter is excited to return to this special community.

Bio:

Dr. Peter McLellan is Program Director for Hunger Education with the ELCA's Building Resilient Communities team. Coming to the ELCA from the higher education world, Peter has focused his passion for education and social justice through adult learning and leadership development. He lives in the Twin Cities with his spouse, daughter, and dog and enjoys games of all types, miniature painting, running, cooking, and the Green Bay Packers. Having been baptized and confirmed at Our Savior's, Peter is excited to return to this special community.

Description:

For 50 years, ELCA World Hunger's approach to ending hunger has focused on "root causes" of poverty, addressing the forces in our world that drive people to food insecurity. In recent years, ELCA World Hunger has tightened how we understand this work to an acronym, M.E.R.G.E.: ending hunger requires attention to migrant, environmental, racial, gender, and economic justice. This talk will explore how the M.E.R.G.E. justice principles are driving ELCA World Hunger's work—from direct action to granting—and how they can support your community's own approach to ending hunger.

CCBP 2025 Report

We are proud to celebrate the 30th year of our program! In the spring of 2025, Centennial School District staff registered students in need for free school supplies in each of the district's schools.

232 elementary and 20 high school student backpacks were adopted and packed by 92 individuals and 6 community organizations. Adopters received a supply list specific to their student, then purchased and packed a backpack with all the items on the list. The cost of filling an average backpack with needed supplies is \$60-\$120 depending on the school and grade. We are very grateful for our adopters!...



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cover the
CCBP

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

Serve

- All those who've offered treats after worship this past summer and all those who be offering treats between worship services this fall.
- Donna Juran and many others who are working to enhance the hospitality of our building in small and large ways alike.
- Beto and Sierra for their photography on Rally Sunday
- Chuck and Vern for helping Katia with the unexpected tire issues.



Game Night Fun at The Curious Crow!

We had a great turnout last week for Game Night! From Checkers and Swoop to Rummikub, Faraway, and more — there was plenty of laughter, friendly competition, and community connection.

Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun! Keep an eye out for our next Game Night — you won't want to miss it!





12 Life Lessons of the Psalms

Join us Monday mornings from 10–11:30 a.m. in the conference room as we dive into the *Psalms*—a book full of honesty, hope, and heartfelt prayers. Together, we'll explore 12 life lessons that speak to joy, struggle, and trust in God. All are welcome—come as you are and grow in faith and fellowship! Contact Marge Otte with any questions at (763) 784-9033.

Facility Needs Progress Sep 2025

Project	Original Estimate	Amount Spent	Status
Elevator GFCIs	3,000	2,525	Completed
Repair gas leaks & clean heat exchangers	4,534	450	Not completed
HVAC Unit #1	34,673	18,014	Ordered/ Downpayment made
Office fan coil #10 & condenser	13,875	13,875	Completed
Fire alarm system	35,000	35,000	Lower estimate possible
Roof repair	20,000	20,000	Estimate unchanged
HVAC rooftop unit #2	38,851	38,851	Completed
HVAC Kitchen rooftop unit	83,700	19,614	Installation in progress
Two lower level fan coils & condensers	21,755	21,755	Ordered/ Downpayment made
HVAC 30 ton ground unit & coil	78,407	78,407	Ordered/ Downpayment made
TOTAL	333,795	248,491	

[PDF of Facility Needs](#)

Facilities Loan Update

OSLC began work to update our building systems soon after the approval of our loan. Much work has been accomplished!! Two rooftop units have been installed. There are two additional lower level units to be installed. The Fire Alarm system will be installed soon. Approximately \$150,000 has been spent to date. We will plan to publish an quarterly update.



Lefse Making Class

with Andrea Stone

Start your holiday baking and join Andrea to learn to make that Norwegian delicacy - Lefse!! We'll start on Friday evening, October 24 to prepare the potatoes for making lefse the next morning. Class will be from 7-9 pm on Friday night and 9-12 on Saturday morning. You may donate \$10 for supplies if you wish. Class is limited to 25 people. Andrea welcomes people of all ages - children must have an adult accompanying them. You do not have to attend both Friday and Saturday as fewer people are needed on Friday to prepare the potatoes.

If you have any lefse rolling supplies, please bring them along - these include lefse griddle, special rolling pin, board to roll lefse on, cloth to put on the board, sock to put on rolling pins and flipping sticks. If you have any of

HOW TO MAKE Norwegian Lefse

with Andrea Stone



these supplies that you are willing to share even if you cannot come to class, please let Andrea know.

You may contact Andrea at Andrea.onan81@gmail.com if you have any questions. Sign up using the QR code or between services on Sundays.

Register Here

Check out our Facebook event

Financial Summary For the Eighth Month of our Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Aug 2025 Actuals	YTD 2025 Actuals
Total Income	\$42,539	\$386,994
Total Expenses	\$51,141	\$441,955
Budgeted Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$8,602)	(\$54,961)
Pass Through (Income) Expense	\$15	\$583
Other Income	\$0	\$34,038
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(8,587)	(20,340)

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Operations - We have generated \$387k in YTD Total Income. Our YTD Expenses are \$442k. This puts us at a negative \$55k year to date. However, because of the Employee Retention Credit of \$34,038, our YTD results are a negative \$20.3k.

Summer often brings a dip in financial giving as we go in many different directions. As we transition back from summer, let's ensure our church continues to thrive. Consider stepping up your giving to support our mission to Create, Equip, Serve, and Grow, enabling us to make a difference in the world around us.

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow - The total of cash and accounts receivable is \$266.9k. Funds allocated to dedicated accounts is \$196.4k.



Share a postcard with your neighbors

Check out our Facebook event



What's Trunk-or-Treating? It's a stationary form of Trick-or-treating in OSLC's parking lot.

How Can I Participate?

- **Host a trunk!** Decorate the trunk of your car, dress in a costume, and hand out candy! Sign up in the Narthex.
- **Come as a participant, bring a friend!**
- **Donate candy!** A collection box is located in the Narthex.

Is There A Cost? Nope! It's free!

Hosted in conjunction with Noah's Ark Fall-O-Ween Festival

Contact Pr. Susie for more info at smodrow@oursaviorsonline.org



Scripture recounts God's relationship with humanity and invites each of us into the story. The more time we spend in Scripture, the more we grow—especially when we make our Bible our own by jotting notes, marking meaningful passages, and more. That's easiest to do when we open and use our Bibles. **So please continue to bring your Bibles to worship, and for those who haven't yet, I warmly invite you to start bringing them.** You'll be invited to open them, read along, and perhaps even write in them!

~ Pastor Leland



Connections Bread Baking Classes 2025

This Fall the Connections Team will be offering bread-baking classes led by resident baker Mark Gustafson. Mark has been an enthusiastic baker for about 28 years, but who's counting? He led an adult baking small group 2004-2005 at Our Saviors and more recently has done baking with Youth Club for about 10 years. No experience is necessary and you can sign up for one or both sessions. The good news is that you will go home with a recipe and hot, fresh bread that you created from scratch. Ingredients will be supplied, bring a favorite apron and be ready to have a good time! Ingredient expense \$5.00/person.

See below for details on each session:

***Session 1 has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 22nd 9am-12pm.**

Session 2, Saturday Oct. 18, 9:00AM-Noon

Limited to 8 participants. There are still 2 spots left in this class.

For session 2 we will take a deep dive into the Old Testament and make Ezekiel 4:9 bread, using the Biblical recipe as our starting point. We will start by milling and grinding/mashing some of the ingredients, then mix and knead and let it rise. During the rising we will attempt to make sense of the Ezekiel 4:9 and related scripture that led us to this special bread. Ezekiel 4:9 formed into rolls have been a Youth Club favorite so we will bake a multitude of rolls. Sampling our "holy" rolls will complete this session.



Share Your Talents. Build Community. Make Connections.

Do you have a talent, hobby, or interest you'd love to share?

Whether you're a seasoned bread baker, enjoy chair yoga, want to teach ballroom dancing, or are curious about labyrinths—this is your chance to connect with others who share your enthusiasm.

Last year, we gathered for events like:

- Puzzle Night
- Learn to Make Kransekaka
- Whimsical Wig making
- Game Night
- ...and more!

We're looking to expand the calendar with even more fun, creative, and meaningful gatherings—and **you** can help make it happen.

If you'd like to host or lead an event (or just want to explore ideas), contact **Marilyn Erickson**:

✉ mlpderickson@comcast.net

☎ 763-784-4879 (please leave a message if no answer)

Let's make this year one of connection, community, and shared joy.



Confirmation Registration

Handbook & Permission Slip

COW

Church On Wednesday (COW) is a free weekly ministry for 6-12th graders. Join us in the Youth Room downstairs as we grow in faith and our relationships with one another! No need to register and friends are more than welcome. Once a month or so we will have a fun activity. Middle schoolers are welcome from 6:00-7:30 PM and high schoolers from 7:30-9:00 PM. If you have any questions contact Nick.



Faith On Fridays

I'd like to invite you to participate in this year's monthly after school Faith on Fridays ministry at Our Savior's, which began September 19. This program is a once-a-month opportunity for fun, learning, service, and prayer just for 6th graders.

Register for
FOF

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This ministry is aimed at helping 6th graders transition more smoothly into middle school and serves as a pre-confirmation ministry while building important relationships.



One Friday each month (September-May) we will gather at church immediately after school until 6:00 PM. Past activities have included swimming at Shoreview Community Center, volunteering at Centennial Area Food Shelf, and Winter Olympics! Information and registration are available below or outside Nick's office.

L.I.F.T.
LIFE IN FAITH TOGETHER

Let's gather for a **whole church**
Sunday school experience.
We're not whole
unless you join us!

Luther Hall at 9:45 am

Sept. 21
Oct. 5 & 19
Nov. 2
Dec. 7
Feb. 15
March 1
April 19
May 3 & 17

All ages are encouraged!

A cartoon illustration of a boy and a girl sitting on a large, open book labeled "BIBLE". The boy is wearing a blue cap and the girl is wearing a blue shirt. They are both looking at the book with interest. The background of the poster is a light blue sky with green trees and purple stars.



Young FAMILIES GROUP

Join us the 1st Wed of the month at 5:45 pm
in the Conference Room!

- 10/1 Parent Bible Study
- 11/5 Parent Bible Study
- 12/3 Christmas Sing-A-Long
- 1/7 Parent Bible Study
- 2/4 Family Service Project
- 5/6 Family Service Project



Childcare is available upon request



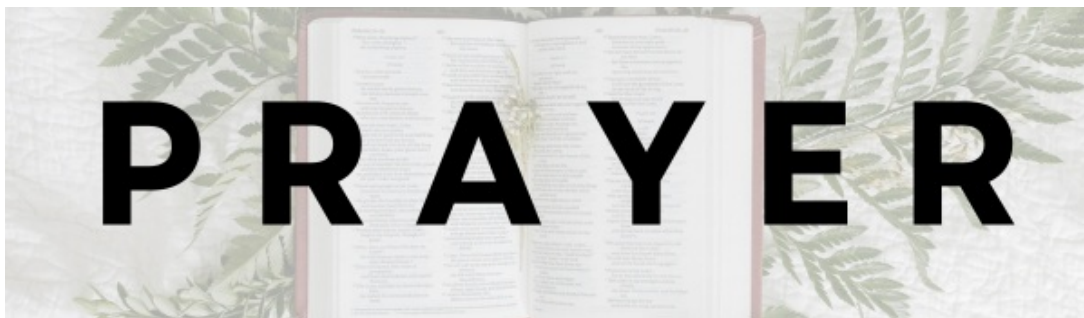
Register now for
Noah's Ark Preschool
&
Before/After
School Childcare

[Noah's Ark Website](#)



Noah's Ark: Bring Your Bible from Home Week

Two weeks ago in Heidi May and Nancy Hernandez's class was *Bring Your Bible from Home Week*! Students brought in their own Bibles to share with one another and spent time talking about what makes each one special. They also created beautiful bookmarks to take home and use with their Bibles. What a wonderful way to celebrate God's Word together!



PRAYER CONCERNS Please remember in your prayers:

Cori Sendle, Jack DeWalt, Rusty, Jeremy, Deb Rykken,
Pat K, Jacque Capistrant, Garnet Ellertson, Loretta Phillips,
Ethan O'Brien, Darlene Hults, Dona Paulsen, Peggy Nelson,
Rick Carlson, Dave Hults, Galen, Marnie Mackey, Marla Walter,
Sharon Dornfeld, Theresa Cullen, Tori Appelhof, Lynn Rossiter,
Cindy Hanson, Sandy Ellenwood, Sheri Rasmussen & Jim Rauner

Shana, daughter of Russ and Cindy Ellenwood
Denny and Sharon's friend, Larry
Annie, grand-daughter of Roy & Pat Feine
Family & Friends of Eunice Banta
Stephanie Erickson, grand-daughter of Karen Davis
The Dolney Family, for the loss of Marjorie Sorvig

Tom, father-in-law of Beto Farias & father to Adam Ginkel

First Responders, Military & their families
San Isidro Labrador in Guatemala
Tarkanfi in Ethiopia
All those affected by conflict
Relationships

Shut-Ins unable to worship with us include:

Marnie Mackey
Marlys Gamm
Russ Eklund
Cindy Durand

Marlena McClanahan
Elaine Thielke
Garnet Ellertson
Katie Stormo

To join the prayer chain or to add your concerns, please email
prayerchain@oursaviorsonline.org or call Jeanne Zaske at 651.398.2414

LIVESTREAMING

[Click here for our live streams](#)

Last weeks 8:45am Traditional worship service



Last weeks 10:45am Contemporary worship service



Click the video above to see our most recent worship service.

Attendance Totals for October 12th, 2025

8:45 AM

In-Person = 77

Online* = 78

10:45 AM

In-Person = 109

Online* = 46

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



Service Times (Sundays):

8:45AM - Traditional

10:45AM - Contemporary

(Labor Day - Memorial Day)

9:45AM - Summer Worship

(Memorial Day - Labor Day)



Our Pastors:

Lead - Leland Armbright

CYF - Susie Modrow



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serve at worship



Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in receiving emails regarding opportunities to serve at worship please click the button below and complete the form it brings you to. The physical sign up sheets can still be found in the Narthex.

For questions specific to volunteering contact:

office@oursaviorsonline.org

Email Form Sign-Up

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