

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◇ **Sunday, March 22nd**
- ◇ 8:45am Traditional Worship
- ◇ 9:45am Fellowship Time After Worship
- ◇ 10:45am Contemporary Worship
- ◇ **Monday, March 23rd**
- ◇ 10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study
- ◇ 6:30pm Scouts Troop 65
- ◇ **Tuesday, March 24th**
- ◇ 10:00am Quilters
- ◇ 6:00pm MomCo Meeting
- ◇ **Wednesday, March 25th**
- ◇ 3:45pm Youth Club
- ◇ 4:00pm YC Bells
- ◇ 5:30pm Youth Club Jr
- ◇ 6:00pm 40 Days With Bonhoeffer
- ◇ 6:00pm Dolce Bells Rehearsal
- ◇ 6:00pm MS COW
- ◇ 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- ◇ 7:30pm HS COW
- ◇ **Thursday, March 26th**
- ◇ 6:00pm Mission Trip Bible Study
- ◇ 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- ◇ **Friday, March 27th**
- ◇ 4:30pm Pinewood Derby Registration
- ◇ **Saturday, March 28th**
- ◇ Communion Set up
- ◇ 8:00am Overeaters Anonymous
- ◇ 8:30am Cornerstone Rehearsal
- ◇ 8:30am Pinewood Derby
- ◇ 9:45am Easter Basket Distribution
- ◇ **Sunday, March 29th**
- ◇ 8:45am Traditional Worship
- ◇ 8:45am YC Worship Skills in Both Services
- ◇ 9:15am First Communion Class
- ◇ 9:45am Fellowship Time After Worship
- ◇ 10:45am Contemporary Worship
- ◇ 11:30am Bingo! Join in the fun!

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 22, 2026 †



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

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*  
**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - 10:45AM**

### SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Leland Armbricht  
Cornerstone

**PRELUDE** *Light the Fire*

### WELCOME

### LENTEN BREATH PRAYER

by Diane Faries

L: God of all creation, you formed us from the dust and breathed life into us. Our breath is your breath. Your spirit moves within us and gives us life.

**C: Too often we hold our breath, we are so focused on the immediate. Too often we feel choked by the tasks crying out for our attention.**

L: Remind us, Creator, that we are yours, that every breath comes from you, that you sustain us and nourish us from the same earth which you used to form us, and to which we will one day return.

**C: Remind us, Eternal Spirit, how to breathe. Fill us deeply with your powerful presence, open our mouths to inhale your goodness and your grace.**

L: Remind us, O Redeemer, that you have set us free from everything that separates us from you. As we pause now to pray with each breath, help us to let go. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, releasing your sins to God's grace. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, releasing the assumptions that blind us to God's truth. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, releasing the desire to consume things that cannot fill you. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, releasing yourself from the power of false idols. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, releasing the fears that lead you to doubt yourself and God. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, releasing your need for control. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, and let go of all that separates you from God.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

### 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.

**C: And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy God,

**C: In this season of contemplation, help us to recognize that you revealed yourself in Jesus, who walked among us and was handed over to be crucified. May we be strengthened by his presence among us today. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SCRIPTURE READING

Reader: Stacy Hemming

### JOHN 19:1-16a

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him,

saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of Caesar. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against Caesar." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover, and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

L: The Gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON** Pastor Leland Armbricht

**SONG OF THE DAY** *You Are My King*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*As we sing the song of the day, you are invited to add something to the Prayers of Lament and/or the Prayers of Hope wall.*

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*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

**OFFERTORY SONG** *I Love You, Lord*

### OFFERING PRAYER

L: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

### Attendance Totals:

March 15th, 2026  
In-person = 0 (no in-person due to weather)  
Online\* = 242

March 18th, 2026  
7:00 PM

In-person = 67  
Online\* = 14

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

## Online Giving

Scan the QR code to the right with your cell phone camera to go to our online giving site.



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**You're invited to  
Lenten Services  
Wednesdays  
at 7:00pm**



## 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

### 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: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
 C: **Amen.**

### BLESSING

L: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, bless you now and always.  
 C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG **Go Make Disciples**

DISMISSAL  
 L: Go in peace. Live the good news.  
 C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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

 **Ingredients/nutrition facts for the communion bread can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Gluten-free wafers can be found by asking an usher.**

# Prayer Concerns

Rusty, Jeff Weiss, Tori Appelhof, Rochelle Miller, Jeff Kenner, Lynn Rossiter, Jim Rauner, Deb Rykken, + the Reichert Family.

- ⇒ Shana, daughter of Russ and Cindy Ellenwood
- ⇒ Annie, granddaughter of Roy & Pat Feine
- ⇒ Family + Friends of Dave Hults
- ⇒ Family + Friends of Shirley Girard

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](mailto:prayerchain@oursaviorsonline.org) or call *Jeanne Zaske* at 651-398-2414



As we approach Easter loved ones come to mind. If you would like to honor the memory of (or celebrate) a loved one there are forms available in the office. You may also complete the form online, which can be found by clicking scanning the QR code to the left.

All forms, (whether paper form or online form) need to be submitted/turned in to the office by the end of the day today, **Sunday, March 22 - no late forms will be accepted.**

The flowers/plants you purchased can be picked up **after** our second service, around 12:00PM on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

*\*Due to allergies, we kindly request that the number of lilies in the sanctuary be limited. Please consider ordering flowers on our list that are not lilies. Thank you for your understanding.*



Registration for Noah's Ark Preschool is open for the 2026-2027 school year + the 2026 Summer Adventure Program. When completing your registration for the 2026-2027 school year, please use the **DARK BLUE** link that takes you to the *updated registration form* on the website, thank you. [www.oslcnnoahsark.com](http://www.oslcnnoahsark.com)

## L.I.F.T. Update

Due to a change in staffing, **L.I.F.T. will be paused for the remainder of the year.** We are grateful for everyone who has participated in L.I.F.T. + helped make it a meaningful time of learning + connection. We look forward to exploring opportunities to bring it back in the future.



**YOUTH GROUP NIGHT AT LUTHER SEMINARY**

We will be doing a *special youth group event* on **Wednesday, April 15.** All grades 6-12 will down to Luther Seminary for a night of worship, play, conversation, + pizza! We will meet at church at 5:30 pm to carpool to Luther Seminary and be back at church around 9:00pm.

Please register by scanning the QR code above by **March 29.** This will be in place of regular COW that week. Please reach out to *Nick Gilbert* with any questions.

## 4TH GRADE FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

On Sunday, **March 29th, 2026 from 9:15am - 10:45am** you are invited to the 4th Grade Communion Class in Luther Hall.

After class you will go into church at 10:45am to take your first communion.

Please email Pastor Susie at [smodrow@oursaviorsonline.org](mailto:smodrow@oursaviorsonline.org) to register or if you have questions.

This is a class for the 4th grader and at least one parent or guardian to attend together. If you have a child that is older than 4th grade that hasn't taken this class yet, we encourage you to join us!



# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

At Our Savior's Lutheran Church, we believe children and youth are an essential part of our church today — not just the future. Our Children, Youth & Family ministries are designed to nurture faith, build friendships, and help young people grow in their relationship with Jesus.

We offer opportunities for all ages to learn, serve, and connect with God and one another in a welcoming and inclusive community.

We love having children in worship — wiggles, giggles, and all! At Our Savior's, children are a vital part of our worshiping community. Here are some ways your child is invited to participate during worship:

- Visit the Prayground Table next to the pulpit
- Roam the sanctuary and explore the space
- Grab a Worship Bag located behind the A/V booth
- Visit the Nursery (\*see note below)
- Help lead the greeting when the pastors invite children forward
- Come forward for the Children's Message



Children are welcome to move freely between these spaces throughout the service. We're so glad your family is here and we welcome the opportunity to support you as you live out the promises made at your child's baptism. \*Our nursery is self serve as we find volunteers.

# SNACK DRIVE

Our friends at Centennial Elementary Schools are hungry. Let's take the edge off and provide a midday snack!

We're looking for these specific donations.

**Snack packages of:**

- Pretzels
- Goldfish
- Chex Mix
- Cheez-Its
- Pirate Booty

Donations may be dropped off in the Snack Drive box in the Narthex.

Contact Pr. Susie for more info  
[smodrow@oursaviorsonline.org](mailto:smodrow@oursaviorsonline.org)

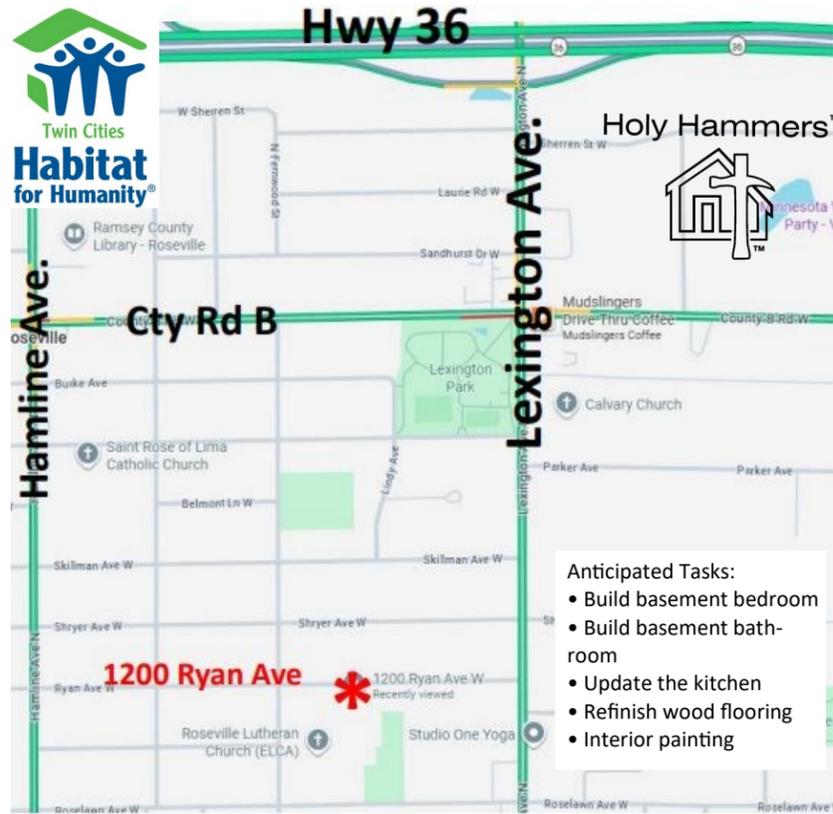
## Bigger, Better Hunt - April 1

Wednesday, April 1 is our annual Bigger, Better Hunt at COW. This is a joint middle + high school event that takes place from 6:00-7:30pm. We will break into groups and go out into the community with a starting item such as a marble or clothes pin. Groups will try to trade their item for something bigger or better. We will all come back to share our trading journey and 2 groups will win prizes; one for the biggest item, one for the best item. This is a great confirmation group event! There will be regular high school COW at 7:30pm.

There is no official RSVP required, but let Nick Gilbert know if your student plans to attend so he can determine how many adult drivers will be needed. **All groups will have an adult; students will not be allowed to drive other students.**

This event will need a handful of adults. All volunteers must pass a background check and complete our children safety training (about 2-3 hours that can be done in multiple sessions). If you are unsure if you have already completed this training, please contact Nick Gilbert.





### Volunteer with Holy Hammers - Sign Up Today!

Volunteers are needed for upcoming **Holy Hammers work days** on **May 14, May 15, June 2, and June 3**. A **minimum of four volunteers** is needed for each day to help support this meaningful project.

**Sign up here:**  
<https://vhub.at/HolyHammersTCHF>  
 (Be sure to select **Our Savior's Lutheran Church** designated dates.)

Interested in learning more about the impact of this ministry? Visit this page to read about the **first homebuyers who closed on homes at The Heights last year:**  
<https://www.tchabitat.org/blog/the-first-homebuyers-close-at-the-heights>

**Support the project with a donation:**  
<https://tchabitat.donorsupport.co/-/NCZXEGFW?member=SEZMVBEF>  
 (Donations made through this link will be credited to **Our Savior's Lutheran Church**.)

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Ruel Carpenter at [ruel477carp@myctl.net](mailto:ruel477carp@myctl.net)



## Cleaning Crew

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help clean our church. We are still looking for a few people to be on our "substitute list" who might be able to step in occasionally when the regular crew is unavailable. You would only be responsible for a small area of church. Contact Renee Dietz at [reneedietz2@gmail.com](mailto:reneedietz2@gmail.com) for more information.



### Centennial Community Backpack Program – 31st Year!

Thanks to your generous support, the Centennial Community Backpack Program provided supplies to over **475 Centennial students** this past school year. Founded and sponsored by Our Savior's, we're excited to begin our **31st year of service** and invite you to help support students for the **2026–2027 school year**.

- Ways You Can Help:**
- 1. Adopt a Backpack**  
 Scan the QR code to the right or visit [centennialbackpack.org](http://centennialbackpack.org) to register to purchase *and* fill a backpack with supplies. Each filled backpack costs \$50–\$100. Registered participants will receive their student's supply list and drop-off instructions in early July.
  - 2. Give Financially**  
 Donations help provide backpacks and supplies for middle and high school students and extra supplies for schools during the year. Donate online (select *Backpack/School Supplies*) or write a check to **OSLC** with *Backpack* in the memo.
  - 3. Recycle Ink Cartridges**  
 Drop empty printer cartridges in the box in the Narthex. Each cartridge earns \$1 in supplies.
  - 4. Spread the Word**  
 Share [centennialbackpack.org](http://centennialbackpack.org) or the *Centennial Community Backpack Program* Facebook page with friends, family, and local businesses.
- Questions? Email [centennialbackpack@gmail.com](mailto:centennialbackpack@gmail.com)  
*Thank you for helping support local students!*



**Thank you Pastor Leland for your faithful leadership, compassionate care, and the meaningful ways you've guided and strengthened our congregation during your first year of ministry with us!**



### You're invited to Bingo!

Join for a fun day of bingo on **March 29th from 12:00pm-2:00pm**. This event is for *all* ages with some fabulous prizes donated from congregant members and local businesses. Each game will be \$1 for a 3-face sheet. There will be a final overall round for \$3 per sheet at the end of the event for a chance to win some larger prizes. There will be food and beverages for sale as well. This is a cash only event. All proceeds will support the 2026 high school mission trip to Detroit.

*\*We are still looking for some more donations for bingo prizes. We are looking for prizes for all ages ranging from about \$20-\$30 and grand prizes ranging from about \$75+. Prizes can be dropped off in the tub in the Narthex.*

Contact Nick Gilbert ([ngilbert@oursaviorsonline.org](mailto:ngilbert@oursaviorsonline.org)) for more information.



### The Endowment Fund is accepting submissions!

Applications for Endowment Fund grants are being accepted starting March 1st. **All applications must be submitted by April 30th**. Scan the QR code below to be routed to the application on our website.



### 50/50 Raffle

Tickets are now on sale for our annual 50/50 Raffle! One lucky winner will take home half of the total pot.

- Ticket prices:
- ⇒ 1 ticket for \$2
  - ⇒ 3 tickets for \$5
  - ⇒ 10 tickets for \$10
  - ⇒ 30 tickets for \$20

Tickets can be purchased in the narthex after worship, through Bingo on March 29, or by contacting Nick Gilbert.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of our **Bingo event on Sunday, March 29**. All proceeds will support the 2026 high school mission trip to Detroit.

**Thank you for supporting our youth year after year!**



### 2026 SPRING PLANT SALE

Children and youth are raising funds to help with the cost of WAPO BIBLE CAMP, NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL and upcoming MISSION TRIPS. **Students earn 25-28% profit.**

Please support this ministry and buy your bedding plants and flowering hanging baskets on behalf of these KIDS. **Order forms are available in the narthex, church office, on our website, and in our weekly Pulse e-newsletter.**

**Please mail or bring orders and payment to reach the church office by WEDNESDAY APRIL 8th.**

Thank you for helping children attend WAPO Bible camp, Noah's Ark preschool and youth who attend life changing mission trips.

**PLANT PICKUP** is Thursday, May 7th from 1-5 pm.



### Garage Sale Still Looking for New Leaders!

After several years of hard work + dedication those who run the garage sale have decided to step down from leadership. Thank you especially to Charisse Froemke, Maureen + Dan Foreman, Amy Grundtner, Kris Cafferty, Suzi Hilger, & Ruth Grow. If you are interested in taking over the garage sale for the May 2nd date, you would get to decide where the proceeds go. If no one comes forward, there will be no garage sale this May. Please contact Nick for more information at [ngilbert@oursaviorsonline.org](mailto:ngilbert@oursaviorsonline.org).

### Our Savior's Lutheran Church - Financial Summary For the Second Month of our Year Ended December 31, 2026

	Feb 2026 Actuals	YTD 2026 Actuals
Total Income	\$54,460	\$119,342
Total Expenses	\$53,208	\$107,717
Budgeted Net Surplus / (Deficit)	\$1,252	\$12,625
Pass Through (Income) Expense	(\$249)	\$653
Other Income	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>12,278</b>

### Treasurer's Report

*Financial Statement - Year to date we have received \$119.3k in Income. Our YTD Expenses are \$107.7k. This puts us at a positive \$12.3k year to date. Balance Sheet & Cash Flow - The total of cash and accounts receivable is \$253.2k. Funds allocated to dedicated accounts is \$183k. This leaves us with a cash flow of \$70.2k in excess of dedicated funds. To be healthy, from a cash flow perspective, we should have more than 3 months of expenses in reserve, or \$150k. We must build up our cash reserves.*

Please consider committing to our Step-Up campaign to ensure we can support our proposed 2026 budget.

## Lenten Opportunities

### A Lenten Labyrinth Experience

*Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. Psalm 84:5*

A canvas labyrinth is on the floor in the sanctuary during the season of Lent.

Lent is a time of preparation, reflection, growth and change. During this season of lent we encourage you to walk the labyrinth and experience your own personal Lenten pilgrimage.

Devotionals will be available to guide you in your labyrinth experience. We also have finger labyrinths for your use at home.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- \* NO shoes are allowed on the canvas labyrinth.
- \* Multiple people may walk the labyrinth at the same time. Please treat this as a quiet sacred space and be respectful of others.
- \* The labyrinth will not be available if the sanctuary is in use.

### Lenten Education

This Lent, join Pastor Leland for a 40-Day Journey with Dietrich Bonhoeffer. These books, edited by Ronald Klug, may be ordered through Augsburg Fortress or other booksellers. We will be meeting 6pm - 7pm Wednesdays in the Conference Room. Please contact Pr. Leland at [larmbright@oursaviorsonline.org](mailto:larmbright@oursaviorsonline.org) with any questions regarding this education opportunity.



### AG Cleaning for Easter (Ages 50+)

Calling all Amazing Grays (ages 50+) to help prepare our sanctuary for Easter on **Wednesday, March 25, starting at 9:30 a.m.**

Put your experience to good use with tasks like cleaning pews, organizing information cards, sharpening pencils, and more. Please bring any cleaning supplies you're able to share.

We'll take a break at noon to enjoy pizza together—because many hands make light work! Come when you can and stay as long as you're able.

If you plan to join us for lunch, please let Marge (763-784-9033) or Marianne ([mrerlien@msn.com](mailto:mrerlien@msn.com)) know so we can order enough pizza.

Thank you for helping us prepare our space for Easter!

## Lent/Holy Week Schedule



OUR SAVIOR'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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<b>Palm Sunday</b> MARCH 29 <sup>TH</sup> , 2026 8:45 AM 10:45 AM	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> APRIL 2 <sup>ND</sup> , 2026 7:00PM	<b>Good Friday</b> APRIL 3 <sup>RD</sup> , 2026 7:00PM	<b>Easter Sunday</b> APRIL 5 <sup>TH</sup> , 2026 8:45 AM 10:45 AM
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### Food Insecurity Affects Everyone

According to a 2024 USDA report, 13.7 percent (18.3 million) of U.S. households were food insecure. Household food insecurity affected 18.4 percent (6.7 million) of households with children. Food is expensive, 1 in 8 families can't afford it. *What does food insecurity mean? How does this happen? How can we help and what can we do?*

*Come learn more about food insecurity by touring CCFS!*

**When:** Monday March 23, 2026 from 6:15-6:45 PM (**TOMORROW**)  
**Where:** Circle Pines City Hall Building, *Lower Level Back Entrance*  
200 Civic Heights Circle Circle Pines, MN 55014



The sewer pipe repair and hydro-jetting of the pipes has been completed. Thank you for your patience during the repairs. The restrooms by the sanctuary are now reopened. - Facilities Team

## STEP-UP COMMITMENT

**Make Your 2026 Step-Up Commitment by April 15\*!!**

Thank you to everyone who has made their "Step-Up" commitment! We have received **\$40,270 (62%)** toward the **\$65,000** commitment needed to support the approved 2026 OSLC Annual Budget. This leaves us with a gap of **\$24,730**. Now is the time to show your commitment by Stepping-Up!!



#### If you want to Step-Up

1. Indicate how your household will Step-Up in 2026 by scanning the QR code to the right.
2. If your Step-Up commitment is through recurring giving, you *also* need to make an update in [Breeze](#), or you can contact Kerry at the email below for assistance.
3. If you are adding to your 2026 pledge as part of the Step-Up campaign, the additional amount will be added to the pledge you have already made for 2026.
4. Add your "footprint" to the Narthex display to help us all see how each individual footprint steps us toward our goal!

**\*Step-Up commitments must be made by April 15, 2026**, when Council will evaluate first quarter results and determine if additional budget cuts are needed.

If you wish to complete a paper form, please email Kerry [kqustafson@oursaviorsonline.org](mailto:kqustafson@oursaviorsonline.org)

## SKILLS TO DISAGREE BETTER

With the polarization in our country and churches hindering healthy relationships and civil engagement, you are invited to learn skills for disagreeing better. *Braver Angels* has developed a national reputation for helping to bridge the divides we so often experience.

- ⇒ **April 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Depolarizing Ourselves**
- ⇒ **April 20, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Skills for Disagreeing Better**

At each session Pastor Jeff Thiemann will guide us into seeing the image of God in all whom we meet, and treating ourselves and others with the respect that such an identity promotes. How do we "see" the other side? What may be going on *inside* us at these times? How can we *listen* better? How can we develop more constructive ways to *engage*? **This event is free** (there is a \$10 suggested donation) Please call the Roseville Lutheran church office to register at 651-487-7752, their address is 1215 Roselawn Ave W, Roseville, MN 55113.



The OSLC Quilting Ministry recently presented Vern with a quilt in appreciation for all he does at Our Savior's. Vern generously gives many hours of his time helping around the church and making sure things are taken care of behind the scenes.

The quilt was given as a small token of gratitude for his dedication, willingness to help, and the many ways he supports our church community. We are thankful for Vern and the time and care he continuously gives to OSLC.

## Thrivent Choice - A Way to Donate

Thrivent Choice is a way to donate to Our Savior's that doesn't cost you anything – just a little of your time. Because Thrivent Financial is a fraternal organization, if you have any Thrivent Financial account (financial or insurance) you are granted "Thrivent Choice Dollars" each year that can be given to a non-profit organization of your choice – Our Savior's Lutheran Church is an approved Thrivent Choice Organization. You must designate current Thrivent Choice dollars available to you by March 31st!

Also, this April every Thrivent account holder will receive an additional \$25 to donate! So, you can designate your Thrivent Choice dollars this month and do it again next month! It could be a big help to our church finances. Thanks for considering designating your Thrivent Choice dollars to Our Savior's!

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