

# THE PULSE



OUR SAVIOR'S  
Lutheran Church

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church January 25, 2024

### **WELCOME! NEW MEMBERS!**

It is an exciting time as God sends people to our community to grow in the faith, hope and love of Jesus. An Information Session for those interested in becoming a part of the body of Christ of Our Savior's will be held Sunday February 18 at 9:45 in Luther Hall. New Members will be received on Sunday February 25 at 9:45AM Worship. For further information speak with the Pastors or call the Church Office.

### **An Evening of Fellowship!**

A group of 22 from Our Savior's enjoyed an evening of wine tasting 'Viva La France' last week at Total Wine in Roseville. The tasting event was from an auction item purchased at the 75th October Fest, the fund raising evening that ended with a community concert! Watch for another 75th event to come next fall where all ages will be invited!





## ELEANOR SQUAD

The Eleanor Squad is hosting a presentation on Sunday, January 28th at 9:45 in the Youth Room from a volunteer with Braver Angels. Braver Angels is grassroots, volunteer-led non-partisan organization that seeks to strengthen relationships and communities to overcome the challenges of political polarization. Braver Angels teaches communication skills and offers moderated conversations on difficult subjects to help bridge the differences that drive us apart.

## ELEANOR SQUAD

The Eleanor Squad is hosting an event on February 4th and March 10th in the Youth Room between services on Sunday.

### Current Tensions between Church and State

American Christians have always struggled with the relationship between church and state. There is a movement in the United States which co-opts the language and symbols of Christianity, deceiving many and harming both our faith and our democracy. Pastor Rolf Olson from Roseville Lutheran Church will give a presentation on this movement and discuss what it is, why it matters, who is involved and ways we can respond.



## Paint-a-Thon Calling all painters!!

The church needs painting in several rooms. We are looking for one or two people to organize and coordinate a "paint-a thon" which would include a day



of preparation of surfaces to be painted and another day for actual painting (dates to be determined). We are also looking for experienced volunteer painters to participate in this service event. If this is a talent you can share, please provide your contact information to Donna Juran at (612) 618-5013 or [djurandesigns@comcast.net](mailto:djurandesigns@comcast.net).

## Growing Together in Christ: Bible Study

Pr Walter will lead a Thursday Bible Study on the Book of Revelation beginning Thursday February 1 at 10:00AM. The sessions will be held on Feb 1, 15, 29, March 7, 21, April 4 and 18.

### Is This The Time? Interpreting the Mystery of Revelation

This teaching resource will provide a much-needed, truly biblical perspective on what is arguably the most difficult book of the Bible. Presented by Dr. Craig Koester, professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary, this video series helps us discover Revelation's message of God's love and hope for the world, shrouded in symbolism, prophecy, conflict and fear. Dr Koester mines the rich material from his popular course, workshops and books.

Koester's intimate, personal and direct explication makes for a dynamic and engaging learning experience. The teacher's mission: "I want you to believe all of what God wants you to believe about Revelation." Dr. Koester uses the rich histories of art and music to tell the story of the entire Book of Revelation. He examines the sensationalistic interpretations of Revelation and related apocalyptic theories, showing why these approaches are problematic.

Reading: Book of Revelation and Revelation and All Things (2nd Edition) by Dr Craig Koester. Please sign up for the study so that the book may be purchased for approximately \$30 (which will help cover the cost of the teaching DVD).

## SCOUTS PINESWOOD DERBY 1.20.24

Scouts had a successful and fun event last weekend.  
You may recognize several OSLC members participating!







### January Meeting Planning Council Affirmations:

- Donna for helping with interior design, painting, providing thoughts on furniture designs etc;
- Vern Nelson for completing weekly boiler inspection;
- Donna and Marge for Secret Sisters;
- Ellie and Susie for all their work during Holiday Season;
- Mark Gustafson, Peter Moberg, Joy Rauner, Johnnie Timm & Seth Semmler for stepping in as Lay Ministers during worship;
- Ushers for showing up, going above and beyond over the holidays and during funerals to make sure things run smoothly;
- Mark Beaubien for creating an inventory of OSLC property/items

## Tool Kit for Congregational Leaders & Conference Assemblies Saturday, Feb. 24 | Faith, Forest Lake

Tool Kit for Congregational Leaders brings together lay leaders, ministry volunteers and church staff from across the synod for learning and networking. It's a wonderful opportunity to hear from experts in a variety of areas related to congregational life and to hear experiences and perspectives from people in other congregations. This year's workshops include church partnerships and hosting groups, tools for creation care, asset-based community development, understanding mental health in congregations, global mission in this day and age, and more.

Prs Walter and Susie and several leaders will be attending the event. Members of the congregation are invited to attend—please register individually.

For more information and registration information: [2024 Tool Kit and Conference Assemblies - Saint Paul Area Synod \(spas-elca.org\)](https://spas-elca.org)

## Need to tick some tasks off your to-do list?

Staff can help!



- Need a flyer made?
- How about help with a mailing?
- Perhaps you need some printing done!

We can help with all these and more!

Click the button below to submit your request, and a staff member will be in touch!

Request for Staff Assistance



### 2024 Guatemala Delegation

Interested in joining our 2024 Guatemala Delegation, August 5th-12th?

Come to either one of the two informational meetings at church to learn more:

Sunday, January 28th @ 12 p.m. OR  
Wednesday, January 31st @ 6:30 p.m.

We'll share past delegation experiences, planning timelines, estimated cost, travel requirements and answer questions.

Contact Deanine Mann (651-528-1308)  
or Juli Smith (651-261-8275) for more information.





**Lake Wapogasset**  
LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP, INC.

## CAMP WAPO comes to OSLC!

Come and hear a guest from Camp Wapo preach at OSLC on January 28th. Take a moment to stop by their table in the Narthex to chat about the fabulous opportunities Camp Wapogasset offers our youth.

### Our Savior's Lutheran Church

#### Financial Summary

For the Fourth Month of our Stub Year Ended December 31, 2023

|                                | Sept-Dec 2023<br>YTD Actual | Sept-Dec 2023<br>YTD Budget | Variance          |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Income</b>            | <b>\$181,199</b>            | <b>\$229,130</b>            | <b>(\$47,931)</b> |
| Operating Expenses             | 48,135                      | 62,105                      | (13,970)          |
| Program Expenses               | 16,402                      | 18,869                      | (2,467)           |
| Staff Expenses                 | 147,145                     | 147,944                     | (799)             |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>          | <b>\$211,683</b>            | <b>\$228,918</b>            | <b>(\$17,235)</b> |
| Pass Through (Income) Expense  | (538)                       | -                           | (538)             |
| <b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b> | <b>(\$29,946)</b>           | <b>\$212</b>                | <b>(\$30,158)</b> |

#### Treasurer's Report

*Statement of Operations* - We have generated \$181.2k in General income compared to \$229.1k budgeted (down \$47.9k from current budget. General expenses were \$211.7k YTD, coming in under our YTD budget of \$228.9k. At the end of our stub period, with income less than plan and expenses coming in under plan, we are showing a shortfall of \$29.95k. More detail will be shared for the upcoming annual meeting.

### Livestreaming

Unfortunately, we are experiencing a decrease in the reliability of the online livestream service we bring to our congregants. Therefore, we are unable to guarantee livestreaming or recording of services for the foreseeable future.

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Without a hired staff person to engineer our audio/visual needs, we are limited in our ability to problem solve when issues arise. Is it our hardware? Software? Network issues? All of our amazing volunteers are doing their best to make streaming available, but there may be instances when it is simply just not available.

Thank you for understanding.



# CHILDREN \* YOUTH \* FAMILY



**Lake Wapogasset**  
LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP, INC.

## Camp Wapo

Registration is open!

Our Savior's has a block reserved for the for kids completing grades 4-12 on June 16-21. You can register at <http://lwlbc.com/os-cp> Our spots are only held until February 15th, so register TODAY!!!

Fundraising information to come soon. "Camper-ships" are available. You might notice a little change from other years... This says Camp WAPO for grades 4-12. They are having the High Schoolers back at Camp Wapo, this means no Ox Lake Camp.

Questions? Contact [Danielle Draheim](#).

## Wapo One-Day

Are you interested in going to Camp Wapogasset, but you're not old enough or you're not sure what it's all about? You can go to Wapo for just one day to test it out!

Join Danielle for a fun-filled day at Wapo on June 19. Recommended for children Kindergarten - 5th grade. You can register at

<http://lwlbc.com/oscp-oneday>

Questions? Contact [Danielle Draheim](#).

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**Vacation Bible School**  
**Mark your calendars NOW!!!**  
**VBS will be June 24-27, 2024**

More information and registration to come, but you won't want to miss this...  
It is going to be out of this world!!!

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade First Communion

4<sup>th</sup> Grade First Communion Class will be on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am - 10:45am in Luther Hall. Then you will go into church at 10:45am to take your first communion. Watch for registration



information to come. This is a class for the 4<sup>th</sup> grader and at least one parent to attend together. If you have a child that is older than 4<sup>th</sup> grade that hasn't taken this class yet, we encourage you to join us! If you have any questions contact Danielle Draheim.

Mark your calendars now!



### Faith Stepping Stones 4 – My Bible

A short course designed to introduce families to the Bible,  
and put thousands of years of wisdom into your child's hands

**What:** A 5 week course for all Third graders and their parents (or an adult). This year we are also opening this class up to anyone (third grade or older) who hasn't taken this class at Our Saviors before and would like to join us!

**When:** Sunday mornings, January 28 – March 3 (no class February 18)

**Time:** 9:45 for ALL 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

**Where:** Luther Hall

Third graders and one or both of their parents (or adult) will attend the sessions together each week in Luther Hall.

The purpose of these sessions is to teach the story of salvation by walking through the Bible, and highlighting some key scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. Parents and children will learn a bedtime ritual that includes blessings, prayers, sharing "highs and lows," and reading one Bible verse together each night.

Families should go directly to Luther Hall on January 28

Questions? Contact Danielle Draheim at [ddraheim@oursaviorsonline.org](mailto:ddraheim@oursaviorsonline.org)

## High School Youth Gathering

July 12-22

New Orleans, LA

Who: Grades 9-12

Cost: \$864 if you fundraise

We'll be stopping in Memphis with the middle school mission trip a few days of service before heading to New Orleans for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The youth gathering happens every 3 years. Paper registration can be found outside Nick's office, or you can register online by clicking below.

register  
here!





# MS MISSION TRIP

JULY 12-19

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

**Who:** Grades 6-12

**Cost:** \$452 if you fundraise

We'll be heading to Memphis for a time of learning and service!  
Our theme is Created to Be (Psalm 139:14). The Youth Gathering participants will be joining us for part of our trip.

Contact Nick or Pastor Susie for more details!

[register here for MS Mission Trip!](#)

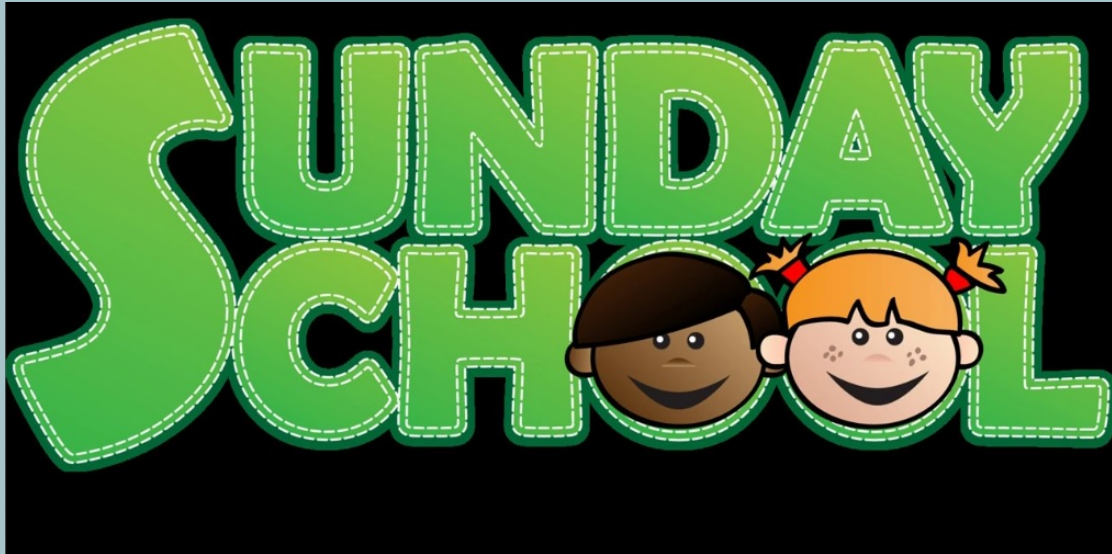
## Church On Wednesday (COW)

is a free weekly program for middle and high school students. Come and join us as we grow in faith and our relationships with one another! There's no need to register and friends are more than welcome. Just show up! Once a month or so we will have a fun activity. Middle school COW is from 6:00-7:30 PM, high school 7:30-9:00 PM. Contact Nick with questions at 763-334-7519 or [Ngilbert@oursaviorsonline.org](mailto:Ngilbert@oursaviorsonline.org)



### "ALL GOD'S CHILDREN GOTTA SING!"

All kids in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to join "JAM SINGERS". Come learn new songs, meet new friends, and share your gift of music on Sunday mornings. The choir sings at worship approximately one time a month. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays from 4:45-5:30 pm. Registration forms are available in the church narthex or can be completed by clicking the link below. For more information, please call or text Joy Rauner at 763 234-8131, [joyrauner2@gmail.com](mailto:joyrauner2@gmail.com)



### Sunday School Registration

Click link below to sign up online.

Sessions are for kids from 3 years old through grade 5,  
and are held at 10:45am. Questions? contact Danielle Draheim at  
[ddraheim@oursaviorsonline.org](mailto:ddraheim@oursaviorsonline.org)

Sunday School Registration



### JAM (Formally known as Youth Club)

\*Click link below to sign up online\*

JAM (Jesus And Me) is a four-part program for 2nd-5th grade students on  
Wednesday nights, right after school until 7:15pm.

#### The 4 parts are:

activity time  
choir  
bible study

JAM Registration



**Register Now for  
Noah's Ark Preschool  
and  
Before/After School Childcare**

Noah's Ark Website



## **Prayer Concerns**

Please remember in your prayers:

**Family and friends of Gloria Beecher**  
**Denny and Sharon's friend, Larry**  
**Louise, Gordon and Chad, family of Eunice Banta**  
**Gabby's friend, Kenzie**  
**Anita Callander**  
**Elsie Ulmer**  
**Marci Todd**  
**Rick Carlson**  
**Christopher**  
**Dave Hults**  
**Chris Stjern's brother, Gary**  
**Sharon Dornfeld**  
**Roy and Pat Feine's granddaughter, Annie**  
**Sharon and Denny Frick's friend, Barb**  
**Marc and Nancy Ehrmantraut's friend, Molly**  
**Russ and Cindy Ellenwood's daughter, Shana**  
**Traci Capistrant: Terri L, on the loss of her father Lou**  
**Traci Capistrant's husband, Ted**  
**The Halvorson & Erickson families on the loss of Heidi**

**Military and their families**  
**First responders**  
**San Isidro Labrador in Guatemala**  
**Tarkanfi in Ethiopia**  
**Sudan**  
**Ukraine**

**Shut-ins unable to worship with us include:**  
Shirley Meek, Marnie Mackey, Elsie Ulmer  
Marlys Gamm, Eunice Banta, Cindy Durand,  
Marlena McClanahan, Elaine Thielke, Anita Callander,  
Bonnie Rae, Marv Brown, Carolyn Mathieson, Garnet Ellertson

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

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH OUR LIVESTREAM DURING WORSHIP](#)



Click video above to watch the 8:45am worship service from 1/21/24.  
Click video below to watch the 10:45am worship service.



### Attendance Totals for January 21, 2024

#### 8:45AM

In-Person = 58  
Online\* = 66

#### 10:45 AM

In-Person = 152  
Online\* = 92

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



# Worship Hours: Sunday 8:45 AM and 10:45 AM

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