

THE PULSE



OUR SAVIOR'S
Lutheran Church

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April 24th, 2024

Please Beware of Text Message & Email Scams

Pastors get busy, but we will NEVER NEVER send a text message or email asking for gift cards, phone cards, gas money or a trip to Hawaii! Criminals manipulate the good hearts of God's people and pastors to scam money. When you reply to "help the busy pastor" text message or emails, they will ask you to buy a gift card. When you send a response saying "I got just what you wanted," they will say "Oh thank you...you must be busy...all I need is that card number." When you provide it, they now have your money and you have been robbed.

WHEN IN DOUBT PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Financial Summary
For the Third Month of our Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Jan-Mar 2024 YTD Actual	Jan-Mar 2024 YTD Budget	Variance
Total Income	\$165,237	\$173,274	(\$8,037)
Operating Expenses	\$53,183	\$58,923	(\$5,740)
Program Expenses	10,423	7,622	2,801
Staff Expenses	86,629	95,270	(8,641)
Total Expenses	\$150,235	\$161,815	(\$11,580)
Pass Through (Income) Expense	(256)	-	(256)
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	\$15,259	\$11,459	\$3,800

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Operations - We have generated (\$164k) in YTD General Income which was less than we budgeted (\$171.8k). However, our Expenses YTD (\$150k) remain lower than our YTD budget (\$161.8). This puts us in line with our budget overall and positive as far as YTD Actual Income vs Expenses. Notes: The high income experienced in March is typical of the Easter month (last year Easter fell in April). Facility and Utility expenses have been lower mainly due to the lower costs of snow removal and warmer weather, however, we do expect some expenses stemming from roof leakage and door replacement in May. We have taken action to lower our Telephone expenses and these savings will start to benefit us in April. A separate communication later this month is being prepared to further describe our Q1 status.

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow - Cash has increased by \$19.8 YTD, primarily driven by the receipt of dedicated funds and the increased Easter giving in March. The total of cash and accounts receivable is \$157.5k. Funds allocated to dedicated accounts is \$176.7k.

PLANNING COUNCIL AFFIRMATIONS

Pastor Susie-going above and beyond with OSLC youth; Ellie with Brian figuring out how to improve our streaming surface; Donna Juran and Painting Crew for all their hard work; Yardineers for cleaning grounds; John Knudson for investing how to save money on phone service at OSLC; Eric Peterson and Dan Foreman for lots of help with OSLC computers.

Join the **Amazing Gray's** at Centennial High School
for the performance of
Disney's The Little Mermaid

Based on Hans Christian Andersen's story.

Senior Preview Wednesday May 1 at 4 PM.

Meet at OSLC at 3:30PM to carpool to the school.

Please sign-up at OSLC if you wish to attend.



ELEANOR
SQUAD



Sunday, May 5th 9:45 AM

Joe Crowe, a volunteer organizer with Isaiah of Minnesota will be here to speak about the legislative accomplishments of 2023 and which bills they are supporting for 2024. Isaiah is a statewide multi-racial group of faith communities fighting for racial and economic justice in Minnesota.

2024 Endowment Fund Grant Application

The Endowment grant application process is available through April 30th.

Grant applications can be filled out through Our Savior's website under "Give" or by filling out a paper application located by the bulletin board on the counter in the narthex. Applications are due no later than **May 1st**. The Endowment Committee will award grants in church on **June 2nd**.

Amazing Gray's Events Feed My Starving Children

This organization works with local volunteers to pack meals and distribute them through long-term partners.

On April 24-28 Incarnation Lutheran Church in Shoreview is hosting a mobile pack. The goal is to pack 614,304 meals—enough to feed 1,683 children for one year.

Everyone from the congregation is invited to gather at Incarnation Thursday, April 25 from 12:30-2:30 PM to help pack.

**Other times are available to pack:
Contact Deb Rykken at 651.294.1088**

Please sign-up at OSLC if you're participating!

Holy Hammers: A different need! Salads and side dishes; cookies & cakes!

If you can provide food for the 20 volunteer workers on **May 1st or May 2nd** please contact:
Ruel Carpenter (ruel477carp@g.com) or
Donna Juran (DJuranDesigns@comcast.net).

Not a chef?

We'll turn cash donations into eatable items!

Can you set up, serve and clean up?

Call Ruel 763-360-8829 or Donna 612-618-5013.

Holy Hammers™



Volunteer workers will be receiving additional emails with parking and car pooling information.

Thank you for volunteering to participate!

BULLETIN/PULSE ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

To submit your announcement/s for

The Pulse or Bulletin contact:

by email office@oursaviorsonline.org

OR by phone 763-784-1971

OR in person during office hours.

Deadline each week is Tuesday 9:00am

*submissions made after the deadline will be included in
the following week's Bulletin/Pulse

OUR SAVIOR'S MISSION TRIP GARAGE SALE

The garage sale is Saturday May 4, from 8:00am-3:00pm. Are you spring cleaning? Please donate items to help the Mission trips! Donate your clothing, toys, household items, and other items. Help us by dropping off gently used clothing and clean items.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING: CRIBS, BUILDING MATERIALS, PLUMBING MATERIALS, CARPET, ELECTRICAL FIXTURES AND BULBS, MATTRESSES, LARGE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, TV'S, COMPUTER SCREENS, COMPUTERS.

WE TAKE FURNITURE BUT IT MUST NOT HAVE ANY RIPS OR STAINS.

You can drop off your donations in the designated areas at church on:
Tuesday, April 30, from 6:00-8:00pm
Wednesday, May 1, from 9:00am-8:00pm
Thursday, May 2, from 9:00am-8:00pm

NO DONATIONS ON FRIDAY

If you have any questions about your donations please call:

Nick Gilbert at 651-792-5573.

All proceeds will be for our High School Youth Gathering Trip.

2024 SPRING PLANT SALE

With your help children and youth are raising funds to help with the cost of WAPO BIBLE CAMP, NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL and upcoming MISSION TRIPS.

(ordering period closed 4/14/2024)

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

PLANT PICKUP:

Thursday May 9th, 1:00-5:00pm at church.



News and Events

SAINT PAUL AREA SYNOD
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

An Invitation:

Be blessed to participate as an OSLC delegate for the 2024 Synod Assembly held May 10-11th at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi.

On Friday, May 10, 4-9 pm we'll gather for a mission fair and synod-side worship; on Saturday, May 11, 8:30-2:30 pm, we hold our business meeting with a keynote by poet, author and spoken word performer Joe Davis.

Speak with Pr. Walter or Susie if you would like to be a delegate.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To everyone who contributed to the **OSLC 75th Anniversary Legacy Fund Campaign.**

Your contributions have enabled the purchase of new technology that has enhanced our on-line worship experience. Keep your contributions coming and watch for more sanctuary and on-line worship improvements.

- OSLC 75th Anniversary Team

[75th Project Update](#)

Centennial Community Backpack Program

We are celebrating the 29th year of the Centennial Community Backpack Program ministry at OSLC. Last year, with your support, we were able to provide over 390 backpacks with supplies to Centennial students.

We need your help now, more than ever, as the need for support continues to grow.



[click link below for full information](#)

[Centennial Community Backpack Program](#)

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



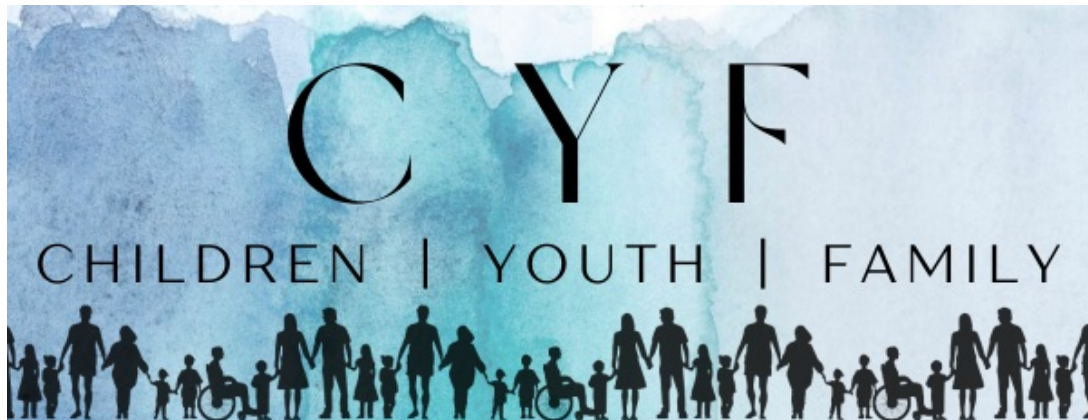
Staff can help!

- 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](#)



Registration Now Open... Vacation Bible School: Stellar!



Our Savior's Invites Children to Stellar VBS: Shine Jesus' Light, from June 24-27. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and so much more! Stellar is for kids from 3 years old to completing 5th grade.

We are also looking for middle school, high school, and adult volunteers.

Registration is open.

[Click here to register for VBS!](#)

MISSION TRIP

JULY 28-30

We're heading to Rochester, MN!!!

We'll be learning about the challenges and joys of the community while serving with local non-profits. We'll also take some time to explore, dig into the Bible, and play together!

Cost: \$200/person
Families are welcome!

Earn \$25 off for each garage sale shift you work (up to \$100/person)



Secure your spot today!

\$50/person non-refundable deposit is due May 15th.



[Click here to sign up!](#)

Calling All CYF Families!

Incarnation Lutheran Church in Shoreview is hosting a giant multi-day Feed My Starving Children MobilePack in their gym. Nick has booked slots for **Friday April 26 from 6-8 PM.**

Everyone over the age of 5 is welcome to come pack with us! If slots fill up quickly, we may be able to add more to our group. To register you, or your whole family, follow the link below.

This will count for 2 service hours for confirmation students!

[Click here to sign up for the FMSC MobilePack!](#)



Lake Wapogasset
LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP, INC.

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.

Questions? Contact Danielle Draheim

[Click here to register for WAPO One-Day!](#)

[Click here to contact Danielle Draheim](#)



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

[Noah's Ark
Website](#)



Prayer Concerns

Please remember in your prayers:

Traci Capistrast's mother-in-law, Jacque,
Anita Callander and family
Russ Ellenwood, Char Todd,
Friends and family of Elsie Ulmer,
Carol Shook, Les Schwiesow,
Halen D, Pat K,
Chuck & Ute B,
Marv Brown, Rusty B
Ethan O'Brien,
Denny and Sharon's friend Larry
Louise, Gordon and Chad, family of Eunice Banta
Anita Callander, Rick Carlson,
Dave Hults, Sharon Dornfeld,
Roy and Pat Feine's granddaughter, Annie

Russ and Cindy Ellenwood's daughter, Shana
Traci Capistrant's husband, Ted
Traci C: upcoming marriage of Emily & David
Beto Farais & Adam Ginkel

First Responders,
Military and their families,
San Isidro Labrador in Guatemala,
Tarkanfi in Ethiopia,
Sudan, Ukraine

Shut-ins unable to worship with us include:

Shirley Meek, Marnie Mackey,
Marlys Gamm, Eunice Banta,
Cindy Durand, Marlana McClanahan,
Elaine Thielke, Anita Callander,
Marv Brown, Carolyn Mathieson,

Garnet Ellertson

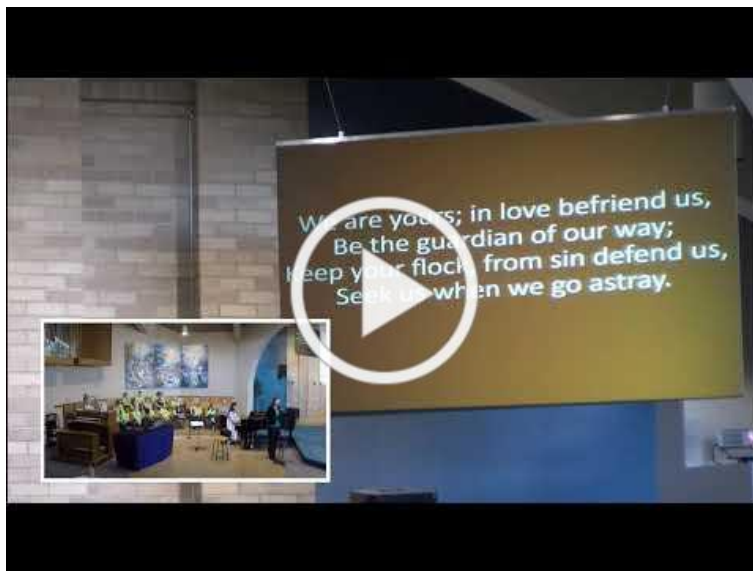
To join the prayer chain or to add your concerns,
please email prayerchain@oursaviorsonline.org
or call Jeanne Zaske (651) 398-2414

[Click here to send an email to the Prayer Chain](#)

LIVESTREAMING

[Click here for our live streams](#)

Click the video below to watch last week's 8:45AM worship service



Click the video to below to watch last week's 10:45AM worship service



Attendance Totals for April 21st, 2024

8:45AM

In-Person = 93

Online* = 58

10:45AM

In-Person = 126

Online* = 68

*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 & 10:45 AM

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