

THE PULSE



OUR SAVIOR'S
Lutheran Church

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May 1st, 2024

NEWS FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE

Hello Our Savior's Members!

The Call Committee meets regularly. A progress chart is available in the narthex.

The Job description has been drafted, edited, and unanimously approved by all Call Committee members. Our Planning Council gave us valuable feedback. The job description has been sent to the Synod office. A brief document has been prepared titled "About Us"! It will be shared with the candidates during the interview process.

Much time and consideration has been given to drafting the questions to ask candidates...
... (click below to read full article)

[Click to read full Call Committee Article](#)

Feed My Starving Children Event

Incarnation Lutheran Church in Shoreview hosted a giant multi-day Feed My Starving Children MobilePack in their gym.

Our group packed 50 boxes between the 28 people who participated from our church.

Below are some photos from this event.
Thank you to everyone who participated!



Where in the world
are Beto Farias
& Pr. Susie today?



ANSWER

They're leading worship at **Cristo Rey Lutheran Church** in New Brighton! As part of the larger "Church," we are called to serve one another. And we're giving mission start developer, Pr. Ana Becerra, some much needed time off.

Did you know that it's especially difficult to find pulpit supply if your congregation speaks another language? Beto has graciously offered to translate so we can support Pr. Ana's dedication to serve this growing Latino community.

Special Thank You To

The Knutson confirmation group
(Laurel Charest, Lilly Wigan, Paige Dahlman,
Hailey Peterson, & Katherine Knutson)
for making and serving cookies, greeting, reading,
ushering, and serving communion on Sunday!



Congregational Workshop with Susan Nienaber Thursday, May 23 at 6:30PM in Luther Hall

"Digging Deeper into the MET and OSLC History"

The congregation is encouraged to participate in
the workshop to explore our life together.

Please speak with Pr Walter for more information.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

By the time you read this in the church bulletin three groups of volunteers from OSLC will have completed working with others on this years Holy Hammers project in Roseville. Another OSLC group has provided lunch and break time snacks for those volunteers.

Another two groups of OSLC volunteers will be participating **Holy Hammers™** on May 13 and 14. Look for photos on the OSLC Facebook page later in May.



Spring is Here!!

April showers have brought our 'Yardens' at Our Savior's back to life and many garden plots are in need of care for the summer and fall. A faithful group of Our Savior's members have committed time and talent to many of the various plots around our building and grounds. However, there are always more areas that could be cared for as the season progresses. We try to organize a couple times during the growing season to work together, however, most of the care is given by individuals as it fits into their busy lives. If this is something you feel could be part of your mission at Our Savior's please contact Jeanne or Bob Zaske (bandjz1967@gmail.com) and we will arrange to show you what areas are still needing caretakers.

A workday in April was used by many to get a head start on cleanup and weed prevention and the following are people who have taken a plot to care for around the church grounds.

Our continued thanks go to the following Yardeners:

Dwight Benoy, Kathy Holliday Jech, Carmen & Dave Berg, Colleen & Paul Jensen, Ruel Carpenter, John Knutson, Bernie DeMotts, Kaarin & Greg Mantz, Marianne & Chuck Erlien, Karen & Peter Moberg, Sharon & Dennis Frick, Andrea Stone, Keralyn & Mark Groff, Jeanne & Bob Zaske, & Craig Hanson.



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**.

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.



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

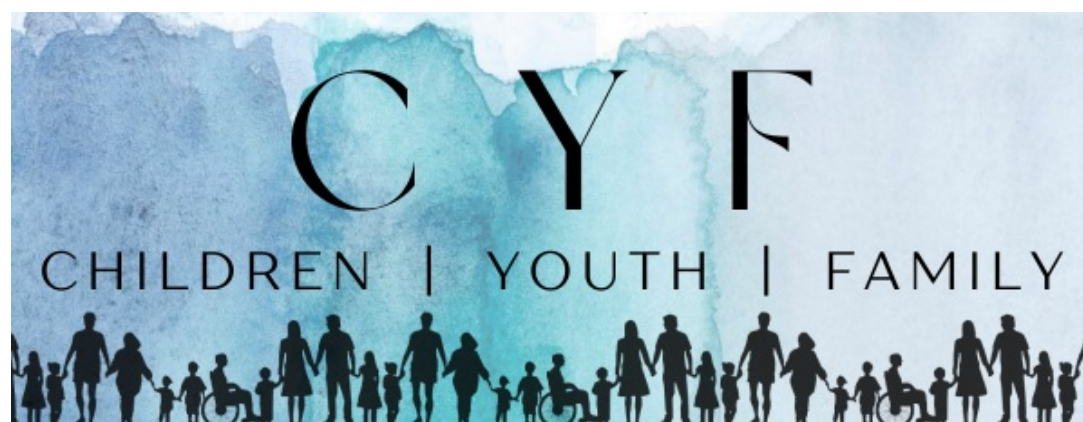
We are celebrating the 29th year of the Centennial Community Backpack Program ministry at OSLC. Last year, with your support, we were able to provide over 390 backpacks with supplies to Centennial students. We need your help now, more than ever, as the need for support continues to grow.



Special thanks to Amy Grundtner, Maddison Anderson, Kendall Innes, and Joe Robinson from Amy's confirmation group for helping to pack school supplies for 90 students!

[click link below for full information](#)

[Centennial Community Backpack Program](#)



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!](#)

[Click here to volunteer!](#)

9th Grade Stepping Stone

May 5th @ 6 pm

Join us in Luther Hall as we prepare for confirmation, make our stoles, and paint our hands on the youth room walls!

Please plan to bring at least one parent to this required event.

Questions?
Contact Pr. Susie
or Nick

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!](#)



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, Marlena McClanahan,
Elaine Thielke, Anita Callander,
Marv Brown, Carolyn Mathieson,
Garnet Ellertson

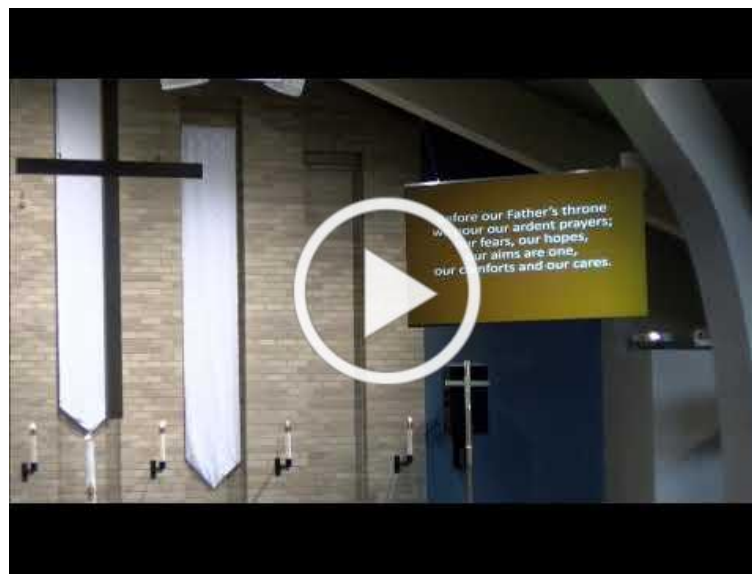
To join the prayer chain or to add your concerns,
please email prayerchain@oursavioronline.org
or call Jeanne Zaske (651) 398-2414

[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 28th, 2024

8:45AM

In-Person = 72
Online* = 94

10:45AM

In-Person = 74
Online* = 76

*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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