

# THE PULSE



OUR SAVIOR'S  
Lutheran Church

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church April 3rd, 2024

### PLANT SALE DEADLINE EXTENDED!

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

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 and church office. Please mail or bring orders and payments to reach the church office by (*notice extended due date*) **Sunday, April 14th**.

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.



[Click here for plant sale form](#)

### 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 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.



## **OSLC Beautification & Spring Clean-up**

Come join your fellow OSLC members in sharing your time, talent and treasure to beautify and maintain our building. On April 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am we will be holding a **Paint-A-Thon** to paint areas of the building. However, in order to paint, we need paint. Your contribution of \$60 will purchase a gallon of paint along with brushes, rollers, tape, etc. Drop off your contribution in the office. You can also help with preparation for painting (spackling, moving furniture) on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Also on April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Facility Team will be conducting a work session.**

Tasks will include, but not be limited to:

- \* Clean and organize four service rooms
- \* Spring clean-up of grounds
- \* Window washing
- \* Clean some lower level light fixtures
- \* Check exterior light bulbs
- \* Flush water heaters
- \* Fill floor drains with water

Please come to help care for the building where so many good things happen!



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## Welcoming Everyone to Our Savior's! ~ from Pr. Walter

A great blessing of being a part of a church community is getting to know others. **Welcome Pads** will be available to pass back and forth in each row.

Folks will be invited to give their name and other information. First, it will give everyone a chance to know the names of people sitting around them. Second, it will give the leaders an opportunity to follow up with guests.

That everyone signs your name is really important to making **Welcome Pads** work, so "Thank you" to everyone!

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## CONGRATULATIONS! First Communion Class of 2024



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## PLANNING COUNCIL AFFIRMATIONS

Pat Benoy for creating and getting ads in local papers regarding Easter worship services; Kristen Genet for conversation circles during the adult forum; Kerry Gustafson for providing and coordinating interim coverage for office manager position and for finding Sierra to fill this important position; Funeral committee for their important work; Nick for coordinating 30 hour famine experience; Cindy Ellenwood, Deanine Mann, Natalie Forman, Bennett Putnam and Seth Semmler for speaking at midweek Lenten services; JAM kids for leading Lenten worship and Pastor Susie for her support of the JAM kids in this role. Dwight Benoy for all his work getting the window company to be held accountable for their product and coordinating to formulate a plan to improve security at the basement door; Donna Juran for coordinating the Paint-a-thon project.

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### CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE – “We’re on the Road”!

The Call Committee met with Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer, Assistant to the Bishop of the St Paul Synod on March 18. We began with prayer, discussed the Call Process, and organized the Committee. Kyle Marquard and Joy Rauner will serve as Co-chairs.

The first of our tasks is to invite nominations for OSLC Lead Pastor from the congregation. The form for submitting a nomination is in the church office. Completed forms should be sealed in an envelope and placed in the designated box (located in church office) by Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. The Bishop’s staff will contact the nominated pastors to ascertain his/her interest in entering the Call Process.

We invite prayers for the Spirit’s guidance in the OSLC Call Process, such as:  
*Gracious God, we rejoice that you have called us in the waters of baptism, equipped us in the Word, and fed us at the table as your disciples. Let the Holy Spirit guide us on the road of calling the Lead Pastor to serve our congregation with the faith, hope and love of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Call Committee Members: Sonja Birkeland Zabel, Beto Farias, Joe Kell, Bob Kilgore , Kyle Marquard, Ron Prazak, Lauri Pudwill, Joy Rauner, Andrea Stone, Sarah Ward

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

	Jan-Feb 2024 YTD Actual	Jan-Feb 2024 YTD Budget	Variance
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$90,573</b>	<b>\$114,527</b>	<b>(\$23,954)</b>
Operating Expenses	37,165	44,307	(7,142)
Program Expenses	4,814	5,438	(624)
Staff Expenses	55,274	63,972	(8,698)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$97,252</b>	<b>\$113,717</b>	<b>(\$16,465)</b>
Pass Through (Income) Expense	(863)	-	863
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$5,816)</b>	<b>\$810</b>	<b>(\$6,626)</b>

**Treasurer's Report**

*Statement of Operations - We are running a \$5.8k deficit YTD. We have generated \$89.9k in General income compared to \$113.1k budgeted (Feb giving was comparable to Feb of last year giving, but we are down from last year's YTD giving). However, General expenses were \$97.3k YTD, less than our YTD budget of \$113.7k, mainly due to less than budgeted Jan payroll expense with Pr Walter's delayed start and a Feb utility refund for solar panel usage.*

*Balance Sheet & Cash Flow - Cash has decreased by \$19.1 YTD, primarily driven by the use of dedicated funds. The total of cash and accounts receivable is \$130.4k. Funds allocated to dedicated accounts is \$170.6k.*

## Please Beware of Email Scams

Pastors get busy, but we will NEVER NEVER send an 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" emails, they will ask you to buy a gift card. When you send an email 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 have your money and you have been robbed.

**WHEN IN DOUBT PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE!**

**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.

Click here for more info: [Synod Assembly](#)

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

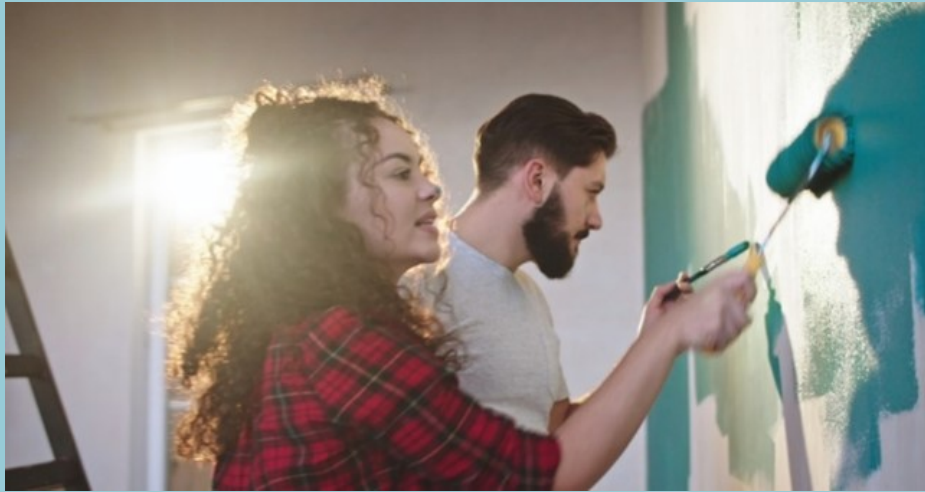
## A Visit From the Bishop

Bishop Patricia Lull will visit Our Savior's on Sunday April 21st to meet the congregation. Bp Lull will be the preacher at 8:45 and 10:45AM Worship.



A forum with the bishop will be held at 9:45AM in Luther Hall. She will also meet with the Planning Council at noon.

We appreciate this opportunity to discuss OSLC ministry and mission and the partnership we share as the body of Christ with the St Paul Synod and the ELCA.



## Paint-A-Thon

Spring is in the air and it's time to refresh some of the paint on the walls of Our Savior's Lutheran.

We are looking for volunteers to help with moving furniture, prepping the walls, and painting.

If providing labor isn't for you, please consider a monetary donation to purchase paint and supplies.

Click below for an event flyer to sign up OR for more information, please call Donna Juran at 612-618-5013 or email at [DJuranDesigns@comcast.net](mailto:DJuranDesigns@comcast.net)

[PAINT-A-THON Flyer](#)

## OSLC - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legacy Fund Update

Click below to read about the progress and to see where your generous gifts have been used and where they will be used in the months to come.

[75th Project Update](#)

**Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 05:30 pm**

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# **Language, Literacy, & Parent Involvement**

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Join us for an engaging and informative presentation on the vital role of parent involvement in fostering language and literacy development. The dynamic duo of Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) Graduate Clinicians from St. Cloud State University will share valuable insights, practical strategies, and evidence-based approaches to empower parents in supporting their child's communication journey as well as help you gain a deeper understanding of typical speech and language milestones at different ages.



Noah's Ark Preschool at Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Room Learning Center AB



For inquiries contact:

Bishesta Karanjit at [bkaranjit@go.stcloudstate.edu](mailto:bkaranjit@go.stcloudstate.edu) OR  
Katelyn Hoover at [katelyn.hoover@go.stcloudstate.edu](mailto:katelyn.hoover@go.stcloudstate.edu)



**Is it time for you to join Care Team?**

**Care Team Ministry Recruitment Sunday is  
April 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Sometimes OSLC members and neighbors need extra support to  
maintain a reasonable quality of life...*

### **We Do What Friends Would Do**

Friendly Visits  
Transportation  
Meals  
Light Housekeeping

**Care Team members will be serving coffee after both services on April 21<sup>st</sup>.**

If you are interested in joining or have questions, grab a cup of coffee and chat with one of the members.

Pick up a CTM Pamphlet!

Contact Chris Stjern  
612-309-6410 [crstjern@gmail.com](mailto:crstjern@gmail.com)

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## Bingo Night! April 5

Join us for a fun night of bingo for all ages with some fabulous prizes donated from congregante members and local businesses. Bingo will go from 6:00-8:00 PM. Each game will be \$1 for a 3-face sheet. There will be a final coverall round for \$3 per sheet at the end of the night for a chance to win some larger prizes (TBD.) There will be snacks and beverages for sale as well. This is a **cash only event**. All proceeds go towards the Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans.

### Bingo Donations

We are still looking for some more donations for our April 5<sup>th</sup> Bingo night. We are looking for prizes for all ages ranging from about \$20-\$30 and some coverall grand prizes ranging from about \$75+. Contact Nick Gilbert for more information.





# The Healthy Brain:

Does Your Brain Span Match Your Life Span?

Plus: Learn 10 Signs of Dementia



Wednesday, April 10, 2024

1-3 PM

Living Waters Church

865 Birch Street, Lino Lakes, MN 55014

**Can your brain span match your life span?** Join Lyngblomsten Community Services for a presentation that will teach you strategies you can use to help ensure a healthier brain, based on four things you can do now for mental fitness.

**Presenter:** Carolyn Klaver, RN, Community Dementia Care Specialist, Lyngblomsten Community Services

Carolyn has nearly two decades of experience working with individuals who have memory loss, their families, and their caregivers. She is certified as a Dementia Capable Caregiver Coach, Family Memory Care Consultant, and REACH Coach.

Join us for this engaging and educational presentation!

**Fee:** This program is FREE and open to the community.

**Registration:** RSVP is preferred but not required.  
Please RSVP by April 3.

**To register or for more information, contact:**

Lyngblomsten Community Services  
(651) 632-5330 | [communityservices@lyngblomsten.org](mailto:communityservices@lyngblomsten.org)

*Lyngblomsten Community Services is supported, in part, by gifts made to the Lyngblomsten Foundation. Learn more at: [www.lyngblomsten.org/foundation](http://www.lyngblomsten.org/foundation).*

Presented by:



2/24



Our next Secret Prayer Sisters Coffee Break  
is Saturday, April 6th, 2024  
from 9am to 11am in Luther Hall.  
We hope to see you all there!

Call with any questions:  
Marge Otte @ 763-784-9033 or  
Donna Juran @ 612-618-5013

*\*\*please note the address was incorrect in previous publications\*\**

## Holy Hammers Volunteers Still Needed!

**When:** May 13 & 14 (need a minimum of 2 volunteers.)

**Where:** 3094 Victoria St., Roseville

**Click here to sign up:** [Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity](#)

**Contact:** [ruel477carp@q.com](mailto:ruel477carp@q.com) or call 763-360-8829 for more information.

See also: <https://youtu.be/I07zUkTzEp4> for more info on TCHFH purpose and projects.

[Click here for more info on this Holy Hammers opportunity!](#)

# Holy Hammers™



## 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

## 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!

<https://www.fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=BPEWBG>

2 NIGHT/3 DAY

# MISSION TRIP

Join us for a mission trip  
somewhere in MN!  
Shhh...the location hasn't been  
released yet...

Grades 6-12

This trip can be family style, so  
bring your siblings and your  
parents too!

Scan the QR code to let us know  
when you're available, and we'll  
send you more details!



Click here for more information!

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### 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](#).



## 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. You can register online [by clicking here!](#)

OR Click here!



Register Now for  
Noah's Ark Preschool  
and  
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,  
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  
Sharon and Denny Frick's friend, Barb  
Marc and Nancy Ehrmantraut's friend, Molly  
Russ and Cindy Ellenwood's daughter, Shana  
Traci Capistrant's husband, Ted  
Traci C: upcoming marriage of Emily & David**

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

## LIVESTREAMING

During our Maundy Thursday worship service, we discovered YouTube/Google had made updates that were incompatible with our live-streaming capabilities. As such, we were not able to livestream both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. We are working to resolve this issue; however, we will not be able to offer livestream viewing of our Easter services this Sunday.

We hope to capture the services and upload to YouTube for later viewing. Thank you for your patience as we work through solutions to bring you Easter services.  
-OSLC Audio Visual Team

[CLICK HERE FOR OUR YOUTUBE PAGE](#)

Click the video below to watch last week's Good Friday worship service.



## Attendance Totals for March 31, 2024

### 8:45AM

In-Person = 290

Online\* = NA

### 10:45AM

In-Person = 323

Online\* = NA

### Good Friday 3/29

In-Person = 57

Online\* = 72

\*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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