

THE PULSE



OUR SAVIOR'S
Lutheran Church

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April 17th, 2024



ELEANOR
SQUAD



Sunday, May 5th 9:45. 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.

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!

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

OUR SAVIOR'S CARES FOR CREATION

Our Savior's Purpose Statement is "Created for relationship with God, all people everywhere and creation itself." Members of OSLC have been living that statement when it comes to the environment and the challenges of climate change...
(click below to read full article)

[Click here to read full Cares for Creation article](#)

NEWS FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE

The Call Committee has had a 2nd meeting. Prayerful insight of “Hope” was discussed and prayed upon. Thank You Lord Jesus!

All Committee members have been studying the MSP (Ministry Site Profile) and the Summary from the MET (Mission Exploration Team). Together we had a complete and comprehensive discussion of individual findings. Important “Top Priorities” and “Top Skills” for our next Lead Pastor were reviewed... (click below to read full article)

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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

LENTEN PROJECT

With thanksgiving and joy Nancy & Larry Swenson with Cindy Ellenwood packed boxes for several soldiers in Bahrain and Kuwait offered by the faithful of Our Saviors Lutheran Church for a Lenten project.

They will receive treats and hygiene items that the soldiers can use and share. In each box are cards from the faithful of OSLC and a note: "In appreciation of your service Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Circle Pines MN is sending this package to you. Hopefully you will find some items of use. We have shipped two boxes in your name so that you can share one of them with another service member. If you have other service members who would like to receive a box, please send their address to Nancy Swenson."



Postage was paid for through a Thrivent grant and/or provided through member/s of the parish.

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.**

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

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.

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.



A Visit From the Bishop

Bishop Patricia Lull is visiting Our Savior's on **Sunday April 21st** to meet the congregation.

Bp Lull will be the preacher at our 8:45 and 10:45AM worship services.

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.

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

Is it time for you to join Care Team?

Care Team Ministry Recruitment Sunday is April 21st

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 21st.

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

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](#)



CHILDREN * YOUTH * FAMILY

**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!](#)

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 to let us know your dates!](#)

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
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
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 14th, 2024

8:45AM

In-Person = 67

Online* = 70

10:45AM

In-Person = 71

Online* = 78

*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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