

Backpack Update

We did it! Adopters, donors, and volunteers for the Centennial Community Backpack Program provided over 513 students in need with backpacks and supplies for this school year! Thank you for your support!



Songs + Stories

St. Augustine said: “[They] who sing, pray twice!” The ELEANOR Squad is hosting SONGS and STORIES, an Adult Forum when we will sing and discuss hymns, the inspirations and origins, from the ELW which focus on love, peace and justice.

We can also share and listen to our own personal stories and experiences of when we were affected by local, national and international events of love, peace and justice.

Join us **TODAY! Sunday, the 23rd of August** following worship in Luther Hall.



Guatemala Gala + Picnic

WOVEN TOGETHER

Mark your calendars for the **Woven Together Guatemala Gala** on **Sunday, October 4, from 4:00–8:00 p.m.** at the **Town & Country Club in Saint Paul.** This special evening celebrates the ministry and partnerships of the Guatemala Companion Synod program and supports ongoing work with our companions in Guatemala.

Register by scanning the QR code to the right. Tickets are **\$75 per person**, and sponsored tables for **10 guests are available for \$1,500.**



Bike to Church



You can *Care for Creation* by participating in our 2nd Alt. Transportation day on August 30! Our first Alt. Transportation day was a great success! This deserves an encore!! Walk, bike, ride-share or drive your electric vehicle to Our Saviors. Your mileage saved will be logged so that we can celebrate our growing impact! The Eleanor Squad will be serving refreshments that Sunday. Hope to see you there!!

Youth Club + Youth Club Jr.

Join us for a year of faith, friendship, and fun! Youth Club + YC Jr. meet every Wednesday from 5:00–7:30 p.m., beginning September 30 through April 28 (with scheduled breaks on Nov. 25, Dec. 23 + 30, March 10 + 24).

Each evening includes:

- Bible learning and faith-filled discussions
- Crafts, games, baking, and other hands-on activities
- Opportunities to participate in worship and serve others
- A family-style dinner (optional for YC Jr.)



Cost: \$150 for the year (meal included) Scholarships are available, email smodrow@oursaviorsonline.org for more information.



Youth Club: Grades 2–5

Youth Club Jr.: PreK–Grade 1



Stay up to date on the news at OSLC!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 23

9:45am Summer Worship
10:45am E-Squad Sing-A-Long Song-Fest
10:45am Fellowship time

Monday, August 24

10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study
6:30pm Scouts Troop 65

Tuesday, August 25

10:00am Quilters

Thursday, August 27

7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, August 29

Communion Set up
8:00am Overeaters Anonymous

Sunday, August 30

Bike to Church
Healing Sunday 9:45am Summer Worship
10:45am Fellowship time

Monday, August 31

10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday, September 1

10:00am Quilters

Thursday, September 3

7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, September 5

Communion Set up
8:00am Overeaters Anonymous

Sunday, September 6

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE
9:45am Summer Worship

Monday, September 7

10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study

Attendance Totals:
August 16th, 2026

9:45 AM
In-person = 125
Online* = no stream

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



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 23rd, 2026 †



OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Created for relationship with God, all people everywhere and creation itself.
Called to equip people to serve by growing disciples of Jesus Christ.*

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:45am Summer Worship

SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Leland Armbright
Rev. Susie Modrow
Aurora Madden + Ellie Lehn, Accompanists
God's Kids Singers
Joy Rauner, Director of Children's Music

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*
verses 1, 3 + 4 ELW#413

GREETING

Children are invited to come forward to lead this portion of the service.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. O God,
C: **with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BAPTISM

Jordan Brooks Weiss

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

L: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

BAPTISMAL SONG

Welcome to the Family of God

SCRIPTURE READINGS

PSALM 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall

praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

MATTHEW 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

L: The Gospel of the Lord!
C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

Pastor Leland Armbright

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*
verses 1 - 3 ELW#597

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each intercession, please respond to the words

L: "Lord in your mercy," with the words,
C: **"Hear Our Prayer."**

RECONCILIATION

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING



Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to visit our online giving page.

You may also text the dollar amount you would like to give to **651-374-9696**. You will then be prompted to securely enter your payment information through a protected web page.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE
L: The Lord be with you!
C: **And also with you.**
L: Lift up your hearts!
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise!**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial.
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL
 All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Ingredients and nutrition information for the communion bread are available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. **Gluten-free wafers are available— simply ask an usher.**

COMMUNION BLESSING
L: May the body and blood of our precious Lord and Savior, strengthen you and keep you to life everlasting.
C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION
L: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

BLESSING
L: Receive this blessing: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Go My Children, With My Blessing*
all verses ELW#543

DISMISSAL
L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



Rally Sunday



Mark your calendars for Rally Sunday on September 13 as we kick off a new year of worship, learning, and fellowship at Our Savior’s!

Join us at 9:45 AM for worship, followed by food, games, fellowship, and fun. This special Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect after the summer months, celebrate all that God is doing in our congregation, and look ahead to the ministries and opportunities that the fall season brings.

Whether you’ve been worshiping with us all summer or have been away for a while, we’d love to see you back! Rally Sunday is also the perfect time to invite a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member to join you and experience the welcoming community of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church.

Come together as a congregation as we celebrate and highlight the many ministries, groups, and activities that make OSLC such a vibrant, faith-filled community.

We also need your help! Please check out our SignUpGenius for volunteer opportunities and donation requests to help make Rally Sunday a success - scan the QR code. Help us spread the word by sharing our Rally Sunday event on social media and inviting those around you personally.



Confirmation Registration



Calling all 7th–9th graders! Registration for OSLC Confirmation is now open for the 2026–2027 year.

Confirmation Fee: \$150 per student annually. You may choose to **Pay Now** or **Pay Later** if you prefer installments or need scholarship assistance. Pay later payments can be made at **oursaviorsonline.org → Give → Confirmation Fund**.

Want to help another student participate? Donations to the **Confirmation Scholarship Fund** are welcome at **oursaviorsonline.org → Give → Confirmation**. **Please register by scanning the QR code to the right!**



 Please be aware that we livestream all of our worship services; including audio & video recording. By participating at events or worship at OSLC you consent to being recorded or photographed & understand that the content will be shared publicly. Thank you for understanding.

Prayer Concerns

Rochelle Miller, Sara Travis, Tom Larson, Lynn Rossiter, Jim Rauner, Shana, The Mann’s granddaughter, Marge Otte, Susan Chavie, Cherie, Randy + Cheryl Herschman, Annie & the Summer Fun Program.

First Responders, Military & their families
San Isidro Labrador in Guatemala, Tarkanfi in Ethiopia

Shut-ins unable to worship with us include:
Marnie Mackey, Marlys Gamm, Elaine Thielke, Cindy Durand, Katie Stormo, Garnet Ellertson, Russ Eklund & Marlena McClanahan.

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

Our Savior’s Lutheran Church - Financial Summary
For the Sixth Month of our Year Ended December 31, 2026

	June 2026 Actuals	YTD 2026 Actuals
Total Income	\$33,149	\$379,189
Total Expenses	\$59,877	\$337,293
Budgeted Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$26,728)	\$41,896
Pass Through (Income) Expense	(\$2,998)	\$3,628
Other Income	\$0	\$0
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(29,726)	45,524

Treasurer’s Report

Financial Statement - We are at +\$45.5k year to date. This is a significant reduction from our surplus of \$75k that we had in May and is due in part to a final \$12,000 expense from our spring sewer back up. In addition to that expense, however, giving was down \$14,000 from last month. Summer months have traditionally had lower giving, but in order to maintain our cash flow and ensure we end the year with enough of a surplus to offset last year's deficit, we need strong giving. Please continue to give generously and complete your Step-up commitments.

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow - The total of cash and accounts receivable is \$282.4k. Funds allocated to dedicated accounts is \$173.7k. This leaves us with available cash of \$108.7k in excess of dedicated funds. To be healthy, from a cash flow perspective, we should have more than 3 months of expenses in cash reserve, or \$150k. Expenses were greater than revenue in June which decreases our available cash. As we spending the remaining 75th funds, these reserves will also diminish. Another reason to ensure strong giving through the end of the year.

In August we made our final loan draw and will begin mortgage payments in September.

Our Savior’s Lutheran Church - Financial Summary
For the Seventh Month of our Year Ended December 31, 2026

	July 2026 Actuals	YTD 2026 Actuals
Total Income	\$65,971	\$445,160
Total Expenses	\$42,915	\$380,208
Budgeted Net Surplus / (Deficit)	\$23,056	\$64,952
Pass Through (Income) Expense	(\$1,868)	\$1,760
Other Income	\$0	\$0
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	21,188	66,712

Treasurer’s Report

Financial Statement - We are at +\$66.7k year to date. We have gained back some of the surplus we lost in June as a result of increased giving - good news! Please continue to give generously and get caught up on your Pledges and Step-up commitments.

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow - The total of cash and accounts receivable is \$262.3k. Funds allocated to dedicated accounts is \$142.7k. This leaves us with available cash of \$119.6k in excess of dedicated funds. To be healthy, from a cash flow perspective, we should have more than 3 months of expenses in cash reserve, or \$150k. Revenues were greater than expenses in July which increases our available cash. This is important because as 75th funds are spent, we need to build our non-dedicated funds cash balance.. Another reason to ensure strong giving as we move through the final sanctuary improvements.

Staffing Update on CYF!



2026 has been a transitional year for OSLC. To better live within our means we made significant cuts to our staff and we had to say farewell to our Children's Ministry team: Danielle, Christine, and Julie. Nick, our youth director, left in July for a new role elsewhere. These staff departures, the realities of our current budget, and the changing world around us has brought us to a time of deep discernment: how can we best live out our congregational call to nurture and support those in the first-third of life in this time and place?

We're excited to share that our church has partnered with InterServe Ministries to conduct a thorough evaluation of our children and youth ministries. This partnership will help us better understand our traditions and strengths, identify areas for growth, broaden understanding and support, and ensure we're providing the best possible spiritual formation for our young people in a safe, welcoming environment.

As part of this process, there is a team of volunteers who have stepped up to lead children's ministries, and we are actively searching for an interim youth director to shepherd our youth ministry through this season. Until that role is filled, Pastor Susie & Pastor Leland will be stepping in to take a direct

leadership role with our youth programming.

We're grateful for your patience and prayers during this transition, and we're excited about the future of our children's and youth ministries. If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Leland, Pastor Susie, or a Church Council member. Please keep the children and youth in our congregation in your prayers, pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we discern together, and pray for those the Spirit will lead to leadership in our Congregation.