

# THE PULSE



OUR SAVIOR'S  
Lutheran Church

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church September 11th, 2024

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### **Rally Day - THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who helped and attended Rally Day! Your presence and support transformed our gathering into a vibrant celebration filled with energy and fellowship.

Each of you played a vital role in making the day a resounding success, whether through your participation, the laughter you shared, or the countless hours of work you did behind the scenes.

Together with God, we created an unforgettable experience that strengthened our community bonds. We truly appreciate each contribution and look forward to future events.

[\*Click here to watch a reel of more Rally Day photos.\*](#)





## **Hello, Our Savior's Family and Friends - 9/10/2024**

The Call Process has had little to no activity. It's been difficult to give updates. Please know we are "still here" and are in contact with the Synod. The Synod staff meets every Wednesday to discuss possibilities ensuring our MSP (Ministry Site Profile) is one that would be in alignment with potential candidate. There have been a couple people in discernment, but nothing has come of it.

We continue to wait with patience, pray and watch/listen carefully for what God has in store for us.

On Monday morning we received a communication from the Synod that there is somebody excited about interviewing with us. This person is preparing the RMP (Rostered Minister Profile) that the Call Committee will



receive before scheduling an interview. Turns out "prayer" is a valid and true vessel from God. Praise to you, oh God!

Thank you for your ongoing prayers, patience and support. We are grateful to journey together in prayer with each of you.

Call Committee members in His service: Beto Farias, Joe Kell, Bob Kilgore, Kyle Marquard, Ron Prazak, Lauri Pudwill, Joy Rauner, Andrea Stone, Sarah Ward, and Sonja Birkeland Zabel.

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## **OSLC Golf League**

OSLC golfers ended their 2024 season with an 18-hole competition at Hidden Haven Golf Club. Four teams competed for the day using a combination of best ball, scramble, and alternate shot formats. In addition, there were closest to the pin, longest drives and longest putts contests. Afterwards the group enjoyed a good meal and the awarding of prizes.

Low season averages for the whole season went to:

1st place - Steve Thompson 43.8 avg

2nd place - Mark Beaubien 45.33 avg

3rd place - Dave Berg 45.44 avg





**1<sup>st</sup> place team with a score of 63**

L-R: Will Jech, Jon Linser, Steve Rauner, Martin Remus



**2<sup>nd</sup> place team with a score of 66**

L-R: Roy Feine, Bob Zaske, Chuck Erlie

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**Puzzle for Competition -Team of 4**

**Race other teams for Prizes**

**Puzzle for Fun – Puzzles for all ages!**

**No Experience Needed - Bring a Friend!**

## **FAMILY PUZZLE NIGHT**

**Saturday, October 12**

**Our Saviors Luther Hall**

**5:00- Taco Bar Dinner 6:00-Puzzling!**

**Taco Bar & Puzzle Race**

**Free Will Offering**

**Children under 13 need an adult**

**To accompany them**

**Sign up after church on Sundays**

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Rally Sunday Guessing Game WINNER: **NANCY S. on the nose!**

Correct Answer: **900** Tarkanfi SPEED SCHOOL students! [WOW!]



You are a BIG KID and you can't read, write, or do simple math. YOU NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO GO TO SCHOOL!

How embarrassing! How discouraging! Your future looks hopeless!

# **SPEED SCHOOL TO THE RESCUE !!!**



*Secret Prayer Sisters*

Let's build a Community of Women  
Within the Our Savior's Community



### **What is a Secret Prayer Sister?**

Secret Prayer Sisters is a ministry between you and another women in the Our Savior's Church family. You become her silent prayer partner and her secret encourager for one year. She doesn't know who you are, but she will know that you are there, and praying for her and thinking of her!

Secret Prayer Sisters is about encouraging, supporting and edifying one another in prayer as well as with personal notes, cards and small gifts. It is our hope that during the coming year your prayer life will bring you into a deeper relationship with God as you lift your sister and her needs up as well.

We will be meeting for a **"Saturday Morning Coffee Break"** four times in the coming year. It will give you an hour or two to catch up with friends and take some time for yourself. You can stop by and enjoy coffee/tea and some treats from 9am to 11am in Luther Hall. Dates are Oct. 5th, 2024 to welcome new members and sign up returning members. Jan. 4th, Apr. 5th, Jul. 12th, and Oct. 4th 2025. We will meet Oct. 4th, 2025 as a group for brunch and the Big Reveal with a gift for your Secret Prayer Sister.

**For more information, stop by the table in the Narthex on Sunday Sept. 22nd and 29th.**

You can also contact:  
Marge Otte @ 763-784-9033  
Donna Juran @ 612-618-5013



### **Amazing Gray's Scenic Boat Tour**

**September 18th, 2024**  
**Taylors Falls Scenic Boat Tours**  
**220 South St., Taylors Falls, MN 55084**  
<https://www.taylorsfallsboat.com/>

Signup sheet is in the Narthex. Meet at church on September 18th, at 10:45 AM to ride in the Church Van or share a ride.

Lunch may be purchased ([menu can be found here](#) or in the Narthex next to the sign up sheet) before boarding at the River Rock Patio. Outside food may not be taken on the boat. Limited snacks are available on board. Costs is \$21 each and is payable to OSLC. Please put "Amazing Gray Boat Trip" on the memo line of your check and turn the check into the office by September 16th.



Sign up by Monday, September 16th at Noon  
- signup sheet is in the Narthex.

Questions? Contact Marge Otte @ 763-784-9033

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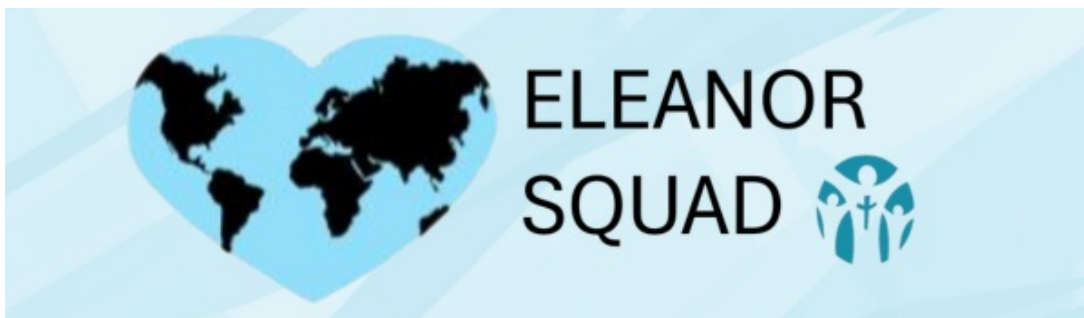


## **Volunteers Needed**

The AV Team is looking for volunteers to help with video streaming and/or slide projection on Sunday mornings! Once trained, you can sign up for as few or as many services as you'd like! This is a fun team to work with and the view from the upper deck is great!

Please see Ellie Lehn or Kerry Gustafson if you have questions.

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **ADULT FORUMS**

Sundays: 9:45-10:40

Since our nation is entering an election cycle, and since Christians are also citizens called to responsible engagement, the ELEANOR SQUAD is offering several opportunities for all to discuss and reflect on paths towards well-being. We invite your participation in this series called:  
FOLLOWING JESUS THROUGH THE VOTING SEASON

### **September 19th**

(EVENING: 6:00-7:30)

A workshop led by BRAVER ANGELS. The Mission of BA is: Bring Americans together to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic. We will learn to state our views freely and fully, without fear. We will treat people who disagree with us with honesty, dignity and respect. We welcome opportunities to engage those with whom we disagree. We believe all of us have blind spots and none of us



are not worth talking to. AND MORE!

(See: [braverangels.org](http://braverangels.org))

Come! Learn and grow!

Questions? Contact Morgan Holle at [mholle@braverangels.org](mailto:mholle@braverangels.org)

\*Event is free to attend. This is a free-will offering, any donations given support Braver Angels, 501(c)3.

### September 22nd

Discussion of: ELCA STATEMENT ON CIVIC LIFE AND FAITH

Leader: Pastor Walter

Have you wondered how one's faith and civic life fit together? The ELCA has developed a draft statement on civic life and faith. Guidelines about church practices during an election will also be discussed. In preparation for this Adult Forum, we can read the short or long statements:

[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org), Civic Life and Faith

### October 20th

"What is Constitutional Democracy?"

The United States is a Constitutional democracy. What does this mean?

Our leader is: Professor Matthew Filner, professor of political science at Metropolitan State University. Professor Filner teaches courses in political science, Constitutional Law and political philosophy. Matt graduated from

Oberlin College with honors in history. He holds a Ph.D from Indiana University and was a Fulbright Scholar in Japan. Matt has also done specific research on the philosophy of Hannah Arendt.

Register for Braver Angels event

# serve at worship



## Volunteers Needed

We are resuming volunteer email sign-ups through Breeze. In order to do so we are in need of revising/updating the current list of volunteers. If you are interested in receiving emails regarding serving at worship please click the button below and complete the form it brings you to.

For questions specific to volunteering contact:

[office@oursaviorsonline.org](mailto:office@oursaviorsonline.org)

Email Form Sign-Up





## Support & Resources

Lyngbloomsten Community Services offers a wide range of resources such as various classes, activities, and gatherings.

### Classes:

Fall Prevention Classes - September 9th through October 3rd & October 4th through November 22nd.

Dementia Friendly Faith Class - October 16th.

### Group Events:

Connections Chorus starts October 3rd and meets every Thursday.

Caregiver Support Group - Virtual/Zoom.

The Gathering offered at various locations from 10AM - 2PM weekly.

Resources for the above listed groups, classes and activities can be found via clicking the buttons below.

The Gathering

Connecting Voices Choir

Dementia Class Oct 16th

Caregiver Support Group

Fall Prevention 9/9 - 10/3

Fall Prevention 10/04 -  
11/22



## Congregational Meeting to Approve the Constitution

**Meeting Date & Time: September 29th at 10AM**

"Following guidelines from the national ELCA and the St. Paul Area Synod our church constitution and bylaws have been updated and put into one document. The Constitution Committee worked diligently to keep the integrity and intent of our old constitution and bylaws while incorporating that into the new one. (Preliminary approval by the Synod Constitution



Committee has been completed.)

The Planning Council approved this new constitution on August 21, 2023 and now the congregation has 30 days to look over and read the document before we have a congregational meeting to approve it on September 29, 2024 at 10AM. Once it is approved then it goes into effect as our new governing constitution. The new constitution is submitted to the Constitution Committee of the Synod for their final approval. The last step is for the congregation to ratify the constitution at our annual meeting on February 23, 2025.

Please submit any question(s) or comments you have about the new constitution to [office@oursaviorsonline.org](mailto:office@oursaviorsonline.org) and put "Constitution" as the subject line. We will have a question and answer discussion on Sept. 22 between the services in the Narthex.

\*Key to reading it: Anything with an asterisk (\*C2.01.) is from the Model Constitution for Congregations and must be included without alterations. Items without an asterisk are from our constitution (C10.01.) and if it has 3 sets of numbers (C10.01.01.) it is from our bylaws. Our constitution and bylaws were imbedded into the appropriate chapters."

The constitution can be read via the button below and can be found on our website [Our Savior's Lutheran Church](#) under the "FORMS" page.

[Link to Constitution](#)

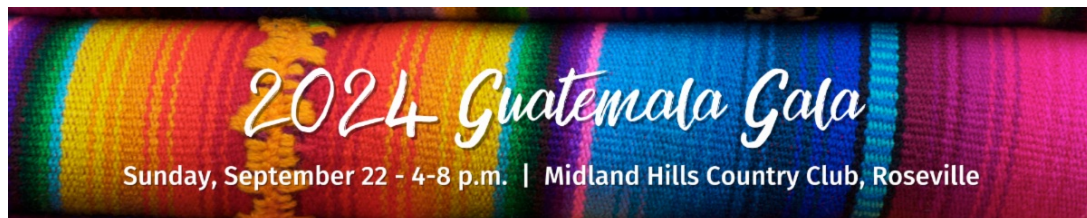




**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
**Financial Summary**  
**For the Seventh Month of our Year Ended December 31, 2024**

|                                | Jan-Jul 2024<br>YTD Actual | Jan-Jul 2024<br>YTD Budget | Variance          |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Income</b>            | <b>\$339,680</b>           | <b>\$336,917</b>           | <b>\$2,763</b>    |
| Operating Expenses             | \$111,037                  | \$118,924                  | (\$7,887)         |
| Program Expenses               | 21,487                     | 20,493                     | 994               |
| Staff Expenses                 | 224,719                    | 238,662                    | (13,943)          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>          | <b>\$357,244</b>           | <b>\$378,079</b>           | <b>(\$20,835)</b> |
| Pass Through (Income) Expense  | (443)                      | -                          | (443)             |
| <b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b> | <b>(\$17,121)</b>          | <b>(\$41,162)</b>          | <b>\$24,041</b>   |

| <b>Treasurer's Report</b>   |
|---|
| <i>Statement of Operations - We have generated \$336k in YTD General Income. Our YTD Expenses are \$357.2k. As you can see, we still have a \$17,000 deficit, so continued strong giving through the end of the year is needed to avoid an end of year deficit.</i> |
| <i>Balance Sheet &amp; Cash Flow - The total of cash and accounts receivable is \$154k. Funds allocated to dedicated accounts is \$203.8k. Our dedicated accounts are underfunded by \$49.7k which continues to impact our cash flow.</i>                           |
| <i>The 2024 Summer Catch Up campaign has generated almost \$25k so far, which is great! Thank you for your generosity!! Please continue to consider a donation to this campaign as we move toward our fall program kick off.</i>                                    |



## **Join us at the Guatemala Gala!**

Show your support for our synod companion in Guatemala, the Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala, by attending the 2024 Guatemala Gala, sponsored by the synod's Guatemala Committee. The fundraiser supports ILAG ministries related to education, leadership development, health, music and the SEED agriculture program. These programs help grow ministry, build community, strengthen the church, and improve the lives of the people of the ILAG.

You can register for this wonderful celebration and Guatemalan feast through Monday, September 16 at 11:59 p.m.

### Schedule of Activities:

4:00 p.m. – Social Hour. Enjoy Guatemalan music and a cash bar as you shop for textiles, jewelry and other items in the marketplace. Enter raffle drawings (cash or check only), learn about the SEED agriculture project, check out the giving tree, coffee display/ sales and Chef Amalia Moreno-Damgaard's newest cookbook.



5:30 p.m. – Buffet Dinner of authentic Guatemalan dishes from Chef Amalia's recipes.

6:30 p.m. – Program featuring presentations by Pastor Karen Castillo and Diego Gil, Fund-A-Need, live auction and more. Our emcees are Pastor Bradley Schmeling and Deanine Mann.

Walking together--

The Guatemala Gala, Walking together, is the one event where you will feel the warmth, joy, and love that surrounds our companion relationship with the Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala. Pastor Terry Nordheim, who has a long relationship with this partnership, shares an invitation to the gala and his wood carvings including the work he's creating for this year's Live Auction in the following short video below.

In addition to the Gala, there are several opportunities to learn more about the ILAG, ask questions, or listen to a Sunday sermon or adult forum with Pastor Karen Castillo or Diego Gil. Please see the attached speaking schedule below for more information.

[Register Here](#)

[Short Video](#)

[ILAG Speaking Schedule](#)







**OCT. 25  
5:30-7PM**

**TRUNK or TREAT!**

**What is Trunk-Or-Treating?** It's a stationary form of trick-or-treating in the church parking lot. People decorate the trunks of their cars, dress up, and hand out candy!

**Who can participate?** Everyone! There's no age limit!

**What do I need to do to host a trunk?** Sign up in the Narthex. Then, decorate your trunk however you'd like. Dress for the weather or bring a blanket!

**Where does the candy come from?** We rely on donations from members, so please donate a bag and drop it off in the Narthex.

**How can I get involved?**

- Sign up to host a trunk
- Donate candy
- Come as a participant

Hosted in partnership with  
Noah's Ark  
Fall-O-Ween  
Festival

Contact Pr. Susie for more info at [smodrow@oursaviorsonline.org](mailto:smodrow@oursaviorsonline.org)



## Kid's Choir 2024-2025

Kids in K-8th grade are invited to join "CELEBRATION SINGERS CHOIR!" NEW THIS YEAR: MIDDLE SCHOOL students are invited and encouraged to join the choir. It'd be a great asset to have you!

Come learn new songs, hang out with new friends, and share your gift of worship music with Our Savior's Lutheran Church congregation. The choir sings at worship approximately one time a month plus a couple special events.

Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays beginning September 25th, 4:45-5:30



pm. Youth Club participants will register for choir when registering for YC and will begin on September 25th as well.

Registration forms are available in the church narthex or can be completed online at [www.oursaviorsonline.org](http://www.oursaviorsonline.org) (click the button below!).

For more information, please call, text, or email  
Joy Rauner at 763-234-8131  
[joyrauner2@gmail.com](mailto:joyrauner2@gmail.com)

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music"  
Psalm 98:4

Sign-up for Kid's Choir!

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# L.I.F.T. *Life In Faith Together*

## WHOLE CHURCH FAITH FORMATION

### † *What is it?*

Once a month, OSLC is hosting an intergenerational faith formation on Sundays at 9:45 am in Luther Hall.

### † *Who is this for?*

All ages!  
Single/married/(grand)parent/empty-nester/student/working/retired, it doesn't matter. Just come!

### † *Why:*

Being together is good for us! It creates community and fosters relationships rather than segregation between subgroups. It's beneficial for all of us! So come, try it out, and meet someone new!

**BEGINS  
SEPT. 15TH!**

Contact Danielle or Pr. Susie for more details!



# FAITH ON FRIDAYS

### Attention incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and families:

I'd like to invite you to mark your calendars and participate in this year's monthly after school **Faith on Friday** program at Our Savior's, which begins this Fall. This program is a once-a-month opportunity for fun, learning, service, and prayer for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. This ministry is aimed



at helping 6<sup>th</sup> graders transition more smoothly into middle school and serves as a pre-confirmation program while building important relationships.

One Friday each month (from September – May) we will gather at church immediately after school until 6:00 pm. Past activities have included swimming at Shoreview Community Center, volunteering at Centennial Area Food Shelf, and Winter Olympics! Below is a link to the full registration information packet. They are also available outside Nick's office.

F.O.F. Registration Packet



**Confirmation Registration now open!**

Calendar

Registration

Handbook

Permission  
Slip

Email Pr.  
Susie





# FALL CYF NEWS!



## NEW! THIS YEAR!

**LIFT:** Life In Faith Together. One Sunday a month, we'll offer an intergenerational faith formation opportunity in Luther Hall. Think of it as Sunday School for the whole church! Bring your parents, siblings, cousins, friends, or grandparents!

**Youth Club JR:** Are you in PreK-Grade 5 and looking for an abbreviated experience? Join us for YC JR! We'll meet on Weds @ 5:30 pm for a time of music, a lesson, with the option to stay for the YC meal. (Registration w/o meal is \$25; w/meal is \$150 for the entire year.)

**Young Families Group:** Looking for ways to connect with other parents? This group will meet the 1st Wed of the month during YC. Join us for conversations around faith and parenting. Stay for the YC meal for \$5/adult.

*\*Childcare available upon request\**

**Trunk-Or-Treat:** We'll be hosting an evening of trick-or-treating in the upper parking lot in conjunction with Noah's Ark Fall-O-Ween Festival on 10/25!

## YOUTH CLUB

Back by popular demand, our old name!

**NEW!** this year is the opportunity to pick your worship skill...percussion, choir, bells, or puppets!

We'll meet on Weds  
from 4-7:15 pm.  
Grades 2-5  
(Registration is \$150  
for the entire year.)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Important Update:** We're saying goodbye to Sunday School this year. However, we invite you to join us for faith formation on Sundays with LIFT or Wednesdays with Youth Club or Youth Club JR!

Registration is now open!

See you on  
**Rally Sunday, 9/8!**

Blessings,  
Pr. Susie



YC



YC JR

[Register for Youth Club Jr.](#)

[Register for Youth Club](#)



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

[Noah's Ark Website](#)





# PRAYER

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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Russ Ellenwood, Cori Sendle, Carol Shook,  
Les Schwiesow, Halen D, Pat K,  
Ethan O'Brien, Jacque Capistrant,  
Marv Brown, Rick Carlson, Darlene Hults  
Dave Hults, Sharon Dornfeld, Theresa Cullen

Dillon, son of Donna Garopher & cousin to Karen Davis  
Shana, daughter of Russ and Cindy Ellenwood's  
Denny and Sharon's friend, Larry  
Louise, Gordon & Chad, family of Eunice Banta  
Friends and family of Clifford (Kip) Holmberg  
Kerry Gustafson's friend, Sue  
Marg Brackey, sister of Cindy Ellenwood  
Jeanne Lasch & family of Dick Lasch  
Lori Krick, daughter of Karen Davis  
Friends & Family of Gary, Cindy Schwiesow's brother  
Vivian, Marianne Erlien's friend  
Gary Stjern, brother of Chris Stjern  
Friends & Family of Keith Miller

Please pray that God would send equipped staff and volunteers to the new  
Mobile Hope program in the Centennial Square mobile home park to serve  
kids, youth, families, and adults.

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

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Shut-Ins unable to worship with us include:

Shirley Meek  
Marnie Mackey  
Marlys Gamm  
Eunice Banta  
Cindy Durand

Marlena McClanahan  
Elaine Thielke  
Marv Brown  
Carolyn Mathieson  
Garnet Ellertson  
Katie Stormo



To join the prayer chain or to add your concerns, please email [prayerchain@oursaviorsonline.org](mailto:prayerchain@oursaviorsonline.org) or call Jeanne Zaske at 651.398.2414

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## LIVESTREAMING

[Click here for our live streams](#)

Click the video below to watch last week's 9:45AM worship service



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## Attendance Totals for September 8th, 2024

### 9:45AM (Rally Day)

In-Person = 174

Online\* = 108

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

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Summer Worship Hours:  
Sunday 9:45 AM

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