

Game Night at CCC!

You're invited to a relaxed summer Game Night hosted by the Connections Team! Come enjoy an evening of games, laughter, and connection—bring your family, a friend, or come ready to meet someone new. Whether you're a board game pro or just in it for fun, there will be something for everyone. Volunteers will be on hand to teach and lead games, and you're also welcome to bring your own favorite game to share.

Tuesday, August 4 from 5:30–7:30PM at The Curious Crow Company. Free to attend! Light snacks and water will be provided, with additional snacks and beverages available for purchase.



Centennial Backpack Program

THANK YOU! You stepped up to meet the need! All **231** elementary backpacks (plus 5 middle school and 20 high school backpacks) were adopted!

Please drop off your adopted backpacks at OSLC Sunday, July 26, through Sunday, August 9, during office hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, and Sunday, 9:30 am to 11:00 am.

You can still help by making a financial donation! Your gift helps provide backpacks and school supplies for middle school, high school, alternative learning center, and The Pines School students. Scan the QR code to donate online or write "Backpack" in the memo line of your check to OSLC.



Looking Ahead: Rally Sunday

As summer winds down, we are excited to look ahead to the many opportunities coming this fall at Our Savior's Lutheran Church!

Join us for **Rally Sunday on September 13** as we kick off a new year of faith formation, fellowship, and ministry. It will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect after summer, celebrate our church community, and get excited for all that God has planned for the year ahead. Stay tuned for more details about activities, ministries, and ways to get involved!

We also continue to be grateful for your patience and flexibility as our Sanctuary renovation moves forward. While this season of transition has brought some changes, it has also been a reminder of the strength, generosity, and faithfulness of our church family. Thank you for embracing this journey with us as we look forward to returning to a renewed space for worship and ministry.

We can't wait to see what this next season brings as we continue growing, serving, and sharing God's love together!



August - Movie Night at OSLC

August 12th at 6:30pm we will be hosting a Movie Night in Luther Hall. I Can Only Imagine 2 will be playing. Due to the content of the movie it is not recommended for those under 8. An animated film will be hosted simultaneously in the Nursery for those under 8, with childcare.



Stay up to date on the news at OSLC!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, August 2**
FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE
9:45am Summer Worship
10:45am Fellowship time
- Monday, August 3**
10:00am Care Team Meeting - Zoom
10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study
- Tuesday, August 4**
10:00am Quilters
5:30pm OSLC Game Night
- Wednesday, August 5**
6:00pm Summer MS COW
7:30pm Summer HS COW
- Thursday, August 6**
7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- Saturday, August 8**
Communion Set up
8:00am Overeaters Anonymous
- Sunday, August 9**
9:45am Summer Worship
10:45am Fellowship time
- Monday, August 10**
10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study
3:30pm Executive Committee
- Tuesday, August 11**
2026 State Primary Election
10:00am Quilters
- Wednesday, August 12**
6:30pm Movie Night
- Thursday, August 13**
7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- Saturday, August 14**
Communion Set up

Attendance Totals:
July 19th, 2026

9:45 AM
In-person = 88
Online*= 92

*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 2nd, 2026 †



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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:45am Summer Worship

SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY
Rev. Leland Armbricht
Rev. Susie Modrow
Kate Sanderson, Accompanist
Mark Gustafson, Soloist

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- L: Trusting in the grace and mercy of God, let us confess the sin and brokenness in our lives and in the world.
- L: God of reconciliation,
- C: **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we turn from your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**
- L: Beloved people of God, by the radical abundance of God's grace we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven and we are called to live in hope because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* ELW#707
verses 1 - 3

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.
- C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: Let us pray. Glorious God,
- C: **your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF PRAISE *This is My Father's World* ELW#824
all verses

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reader: Ruel Carpenter

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his

compassion is over all that he has made. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

MATTHEW 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

SERMON Pastor Leland Armbricht

HYMN OF THE DAY *Blessed Assurance* ELW#638
all verses

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.

TEMPLE TALK OSLC Connections Team

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 *On Our Way Rejoicing* **ELW#537**
all verses

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

POSTLUDE



 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

Jeff Weiss, Rochelle Miller, Lynn Rossiter, Jim Rauner, Shana, Family of Peggy Nelson, The Mann’s new granddaughter, Susan Chavie, 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 Fifth Month of our Year Ended December 31, 2026		
	May 2026 Actuals	YTD 2026 Actuals
Total Income	\$47,122	\$346,040
Total Expenses	\$55,274	\$277,416
Budgeted Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$8,152)	\$68,624
Pass Through (Income) Expense	\$3,232	\$6,626
Other Income	\$0	\$0
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(4,920)	75,250
Treasurer’s Report		
<i>Financial Statement - We are at +\$75.2k year to date. If you recall, we ended 2025 with a deficit of \$35.3. This surplus helps to offset that deficit strengthening our cash position. Summer months have traditionally had lower giving. Please continue to give generously and complete your Step-up commitments so that we can maintain this momentum to support our fall ministry.</i>		
<i>Balance Sheet & Cash Flow - The total of cash and accounts receivable is \$319.4k. Funds allocated to dedicated accounts is \$180.6k. This leaves us with available cash of \$138.8 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. We are headed in the right direction, but must continue to build up our cash reserves.</i>		
<i>Starting in July or August, we will finalize our loan amount and payments and will then begin to show our debt on the balance sheet.</i>		



The Adventure is Over
Thank you for an Incredible True North VBS!

What an amazing week we had at True North VBS! Our young explorers spent the week singing, creating, playing, and discovering that Jesus is our true north—the one we can always trust to guide us through every moment.

Through Bible stories, activities, music, and hands-on experiences, children grew in faith, built friendships, and experienced God’s love in meaningful ways.

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing volunteers who made this week possible and to all the families who shared their children with us. We are so grateful for the laughter, excitement, and joy our little explorers brought each day (including the many wolf howls echoing through the halls!).

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey and helping make True North VBS a wonderful success!



Staffing Updates

- Cassandra Troha**, our Director of Finance, has **resigned** due to significant changes in her personal life. *Please keep Cassandra and her family in your prayers.* Her departure means **we are looking to hire a new Director of Finance**. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about this critical position, please speak to Pastor Leland, Kerry Gustafson, or check out the job posting (scan QR code).
- Please join us in welcoming **Aurora Pairwaa Madden** as the new accompanist at Our Savior's Lutheran Church! Aurora begins serving with us on **August 9**, and we're excited to have her share her musical gifts with our congregation. A full introduction and biography will be featured in an upcoming newsletter and worship bulletin. Welcome, Aurora!



Plastic Free July
Thank you for participating in Plastic Free July!

As Plastic Free July comes to an end, we want to thank everyone who took part in this global movement to reduce plastic waste. Through small, everyday choices, we can continue creating cleaner communities, healthier oceans, and a more sustainable future.

We hope the ideas and habits you practiced throughout the month inspire you to keep making plastic-conscious choices all year long.

Whether it’s using reusable bags, choosing beeswax wraps instead of plastic wrap, carrying a reusable straw, or helping clean up your community, every action makes a difference.

Thank you for being part of the change and for helping make a positive impact!