

THE PULSE



OUR SAVIOR'S
Lutheran Church

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Wednesday, November 26th, 2025



Don't forget!

This Sunday, November 30th, we will come together for one unified worship service at 9:45 a.m. As we wrap up the holiday weekend, we invite everyone to join in fellowship and worship as one community. We look forward to gathering with you!



Serving coffee this Sunday are volunteers who represent OSLC at the Centennial Community Food Shelf (CCFS).

CCFS began at Our Savior's and now operates from the lower level of Circle Pines City Hall, providing food assistance to 400 households—1,000–1,500 individuals—each month, distributing over 30,000 pounds of food. OSLC

is one of ten supporting churches, helping greet and assist clients on the third Thursday of each month. Thank you to coordinator Renee Dietz; volunteers Kathy DuFresne, Bernie Demotts, Sandy Rand, Lauri and Randi Pudwill, Curt and Joan Goddard, Marianne Erlien, Marc Ehrmantraut; and all who serve. Marc and Rosie also serve on the CCFS Board of Directors.

Advent Concert

You're invited to "The Best Gift Ever"! Join the musicians and performers of Our Savior's Lutheran Church for a joyful Christmas concert and play written by Ellie Lehn-Timm.

Enjoy performances by the Chancel Singers, Rebecca Luttio, OSLC Youth, Dolce Bells, Cornerstone, the OSLC Drama Team, and a variety of woodwinds, brass, and organ.

- Sunday, December 7th
- 6:30 PM
- OSLC Sanctuary (9185 Lexington Ave. N. Circle Pines, MN 55014)

Stay afterward for a festive cookie reception in Luther Hall — sweet treats and warm conversation included!

THE MUSICIANS & PERFORMERS OF
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~ Present ~
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& Play
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Rebecca Luttio
OSLC YOUTH
Dolce Bells
Cornerstone
Organ, brass and woodwinds
& OSLC Drama Team
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respond to our Facebook
event](#)



Breeze will be down for maintenance from 11/27–11/30

You may still use Breeze to view profiles, access event information, or make tithes/payments during this time. However, please refrain from making any profile updates, as any changes you make may not be saved. Thank you!

STILL Worship December 14th

All are welcome to join us Sunday, December 14, at 7:30 pm for our annual STILL worship. This quiet, reflective Christmas worship is hosted by the high school SALT students. Come hear some great music from the high school band, NO Equal, and hear from a couple congregant members on their faith. This year's speakers will be Chuck Sikora and Evan Dufresne. The offering collected will go towards supporting a charity of the youth's choice.

Congratulations to Sarah Ward and Matt Martien

Sarah Ward was elected to serve as Council Secretary through February 2026. Sarah and her family came to Our Saviors in 2023, in 2024 she joined the Endowment Committee, and in 2025 she was elected to serve a three-year term on the Congregation Council. Sarah brings a wealth of experience in healthcare systems and process management, a love of music and singing, as well as humor and compassion.



Matt Martien was elected to serve on the council through February 2028. Matt became a member of Our Savior's in 2017, and his family has become more active members over the past year. Matt has been involved with the Facilities Maintenance team, and his family is looking for ways to be part of the Children, Youth, and Family ministry. Matt is also passionate about our sister congregation in San Isidro, Guatemala.

"The congregation has an incredible opportunity to bring a community together who is focused on benefitting others, despite going through some tough times over the past few years". "The congregation and its members are resilient and I look forward to seeing a reinvigorated group of people come together stronger than ever to serve God's purpose." Serving the community was a core principal Matt noticed the first day he stepped in to our Savior's and it is something his family wants to be a part of moving forward.

Matt offers a new perspective on the Council because he is not only a more recent member but also has a young family who wants to make Our Savior's their place of worship. Additionally, with their family's involvement in youth activities in the Centennial School District and youth sports associations, Matt has new ideas to the congregation on how to attract and retain young families. Matt works at Medtronic and brings attention to detail and strategic decision-making experience to the work we are doing at Our Savior's.

Bulletin & Pulse Submission Deadline

As we move into the busy Advent and Christmas season, please note that **all**



Bulletin and Pulse announcements must be submitted to me (Sierra) by 9:00am Tuesday *each week*.

In the past, I've been able to offer flexibility with late submissions, but due to the increased workload during the holiday season, I'll need to hold firmly to this deadline moving forward. Your help in getting items in on time ensures everything

can be prepared thoughtfully and accurately - thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation!

Warmly, Sierra



Rooted in Love: Fullness Beyond Measure Ministry Plan for 2026

Last week we heard from Deanine about how 'Fullness Beyond Measure' is revealed in OSLC's support of Guatemala to do more through God's love.

Deanine Mann's Speech



Please complete your Ministry Support card by December 7th to communicate how you will support Our Savior's Ministry Plan.

Ministry Support cards can be completed online here <https://oslcp.breezechms.com/form/2026Stewardship> by December 7th.

Ministry Support cards will also be available in the church office/during service.

Please prayerfully consider how you will support Our Saviors and what God is calling us to be!



Help Thank Our Savior's Staff this Christmas

As 2025 draws to a close, we at Our Savior's have much to be thankful for: a new lead pastor after a period of transition, and a variety of ministries that continue to serve our

congregation, our communities and beyond.

We are especially grateful for our amazing OSLC staff. It takes a devoted team to guide these ministries, lead volunteers, and keep the church humming behind the scenes. Our staff brings us meaningful worship filled with wonderful music, cares for our children in the nursery, teaches God's love in Bible school and provides Christian education in confirmation and through mission trip opportunities. They create safe spaces for community, discussion and adult learning. They tend to us with compassion during life's joys (marriages, baptisms) and sorrows (illnesses, funerals). They manage the business of church, from paying bills to communications to technology. And they do so much more that we as members simply don't see.



To recognize the blessings our staff provides, the Human Resources Committee, together with the Congregational Council, invites you to help thank our staff this Christmas season. On November 30 and December 7, a table will be in the narthex with several ways for you to participate:

1. **Write a thank you note.** Share a note of gratitude with a specific staff member or the whole team. Your words of thanks and encouragement will help brighten their busy work season. Notecards will be available at the table and can be dropped in a box there when complete. They will be shared with staff during December.
2. **Sign up for a small act of service** Christmas season brings its own set of stressors for those who work in a church. You can sign up for a simple act of kindness, such as bringing in treats or a meal. A list of suggestions will be available at the table. Your creativity is welcome, too!
3. **Donate a gift card.** Gift cards are a wonderful way to support and appreciate staff throughout the year. For instance, a gift card to a coffee shop will help provide beverages during a staff meeting. Restaurant gift cards can be used to help treat the staff. Other gift cards can recognize milestones or service. A box to collect gift cards will also be available at the table.

Boxes and the sign-up list will also be available in the church office during normal business hours.

There are many demands on our time and resources during the holidays, but we hope you will embrace one of these opportunities to say thank you to those who serve Our Savior's. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Human Resources Committee: [Charisse Froemke](#), [Keralyn Groff](#), [Kerry Gustafson](#), and [Angie Robinson](#).

Young Adults Gathering

Calling all young adults (ages 18-35)! We will be having a post Christmas/New Years gathering on **Saturday, January 3rd at 6 pm**. Spend some time catching up with old friends, playing games, and reminiscing in

the youth room. Please RSVP to [Nick](#) by December 28th.

There is no cost to join and friends are welcome!

Christmas Porch Pot Workshop Recap



Earlier this month, our Connections Team hosted a festive Christmas Porch Pot Workshop at Erickson Bros Tree Farm near Taylors Falls—and what a wonderful turnout they had!



Over the course of four sessions (two on Friday, Nov. 14 and two on Saturday, Nov. 15), participants gathered to create beautiful porch pots using fresh greens and holiday accents supplied by the farm.



The workshops offered a warm, hands-on environment perfect for creativity, conversation, and a joyful start to the Christmas season. It was a blessing to welcome familiar faces and new friends alike.

A special thank-you to everyone who joined and helped make the event such a success!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Financial Summary
For the Tenth Month of our Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Oct 2025 Actuals	YTD 2025 Actuals
Total Income	\$47,489	\$471,691
Total Expenses	\$76,809	\$572,875
Budgeted Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$29,320)	(\$101,184)
Pass Through (Income) Expense	(\$255)	\$963
Other Income	\$0	\$34,038
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(29,575)	(66,183)

Treasurer's Report

*Financial Statement - Year to date we have received \$471.7k against our budgeted revenue of \$561.4k Our YTD Expenses are \$572.8k compared to a budget of \$574.0k **This puts us at a negative \$101.1k year to date.** However, because of the Employee Retention Credit of \$34,038, we are now at a negative \$66.2k.*

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow - The total of cash and accounts receivable is \$206.8k. Funds allocated to dedicated accounts is \$180.5k. We have had to draw from our savings over the last month to pay our bills and dedicated accounts are in jeopardy.

The Congregation Council will be evaluating ministry plans and engage the congregation in decision making regarding resolving this deficit as our financial reserve is limited.

Join us tonight!

OUR SAVIOR'S PRESENTS A

MOVIE NIGHT

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
CONTENT IS FAMILY-FRIENDLY



FREE
POPCORN
&
LEMONADE

BRING:
Friends & Family
Favorite Snacks
Comfy Chair, or use
one of ours!

**26TH
NOV**
AT 06:30 PM



**We will be watching
Home Alone!**

**Bring a friend, don't
miss movie night!**



**Advent Angels Guide Us to
Christmas**

You are invited to join us at "Lift" to



create this advent angel bell and wreath with your family. Sunday, December 7th at 9:45 (between services).

Please register ahead to ensure we have enough prepared materials.

*No cost – Financed by a Thrivent Financial grant.

[Registration](#)



ELEANOR
SQUAD 

Eleanor Squad Adult Forum

*December 14th 9:45AM
in Luther Hall*

Deacon Krista Lind, the Assistant to the Bishop at St. Paul Synod will speak on work that is done on behalf of Congregations and ministries throughout the Synod. If you've ever wondered what the Synod is or what it's purpose is - you won't want to miss this presentation.



High School Mission Trip: Detroit July 11-18

The registration for the 2026 High School Mission Trip to Detroit is now open! Follow the links for more information and to register for the trip. Spots are limited. We are also looking for a couple adults to join us on this

adventure. See the last page of the informational packet for more information on adult leaders. If you are interested in being an adult leader of the mission trip contact Nick Gilbert. Deadline to Register is January 11.

High School Mission Trip Registration: Detroit

Information Packet



Thank you to everyone who donated to the confirmation food drive this month! We made a competition between the confirmation and SALT students; whoever raised the most would get a pizza party in January. There are still a few days left to donate, but it looks like the confirmation students will be coming out on top!

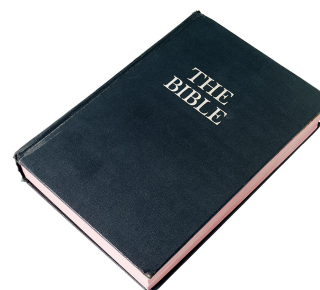


Faith on Fridays

This past Friday our 6th graders spent some time over at Coon Rapids United Methodist Church. They offer a free meal give away every Tuesday and Friday evening. Our youth helped to sort 2 whole pallets of food which had 660 bags of food each containing rice, beans, sardines, corn, beans, and coconut milk!

3rd Grade Bibles – Faith Stepping Stone

All third-grade students and their parents are invited to attend the 3rd Grade Bible Faith Stepping Stone January 4th - February 8th (no class Jan 18th).



Third grade students and one or both of their parents (or an adult) should attend the sessions together each week in Luther Hall at 9:45am.

Please email Danielle Draheim at ddraheim@oursaviorsonline.org to register for this class or if you have questions. If your child is older than 3rd grade and hasn't taken this class, please join us!

L.I.F.T.

LIFE IN FAITH TOGETHER

Let's gather for a **whole church**
Sunday school experience.

We're not whole
unless you join us!

Luther Hall at 9:45 am

~~Sept. 21~~

~~Oct. 5 & 19~~

~~Nov. 2~~

Dec. 7

Feb. 15

March 1

April 19

May 3 & 17

All ages are encouraged!





Young FAMILIES GROUP

Join us the 1st Wed of the month at 5:45 pm
in the Conference Room!

- ~~10/1~~ Parent Bible Study
- ~~11/5~~ Parent Bible Study
- 12/3 Christmas Sing-A-Long
- 1/7 Parent Bible Study
- 2/4 Family Service Project
- 5/6 Family Service Project

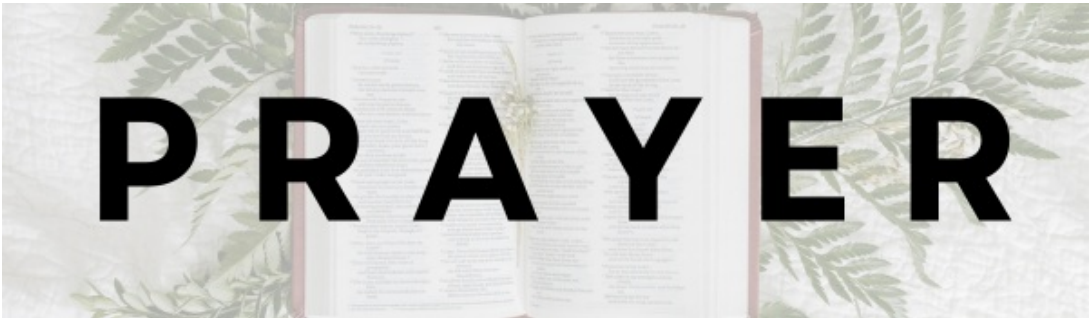


Childcare is available upon request



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

Noah's Ark Website



PRAYER

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers:

Cori Sendle, Jack DeWalt, Rusty, Deb Rykken,
Pat K, Jacque Capistrant, Garnet Ellertson, Loretta Phillips,
Ethan O'Brien, Darlene Hults, Dona Paulsen, Peggy Nelson,
Rick Carlson, Dave Hults, Marnie Mackey, Marla Walter, Gail Willenbring,
Sharon Dornfeld, Theresa Cullen, Tori Appelhof, Richard & Lynn Rossiter,
Cindy Hanson, Sandy Ellenwood, Darla & Molly, & Jim Rauner

Shana, daughter of Russ and Cindy Ellenwood
Denny and Sharon's friend, Larry
Annie, grand-daughter of Roy & Pat Feine
Stephanie Erickson, grand-daughter of Karen Davis
Tom, father-in-law of Beto Farias & father to Adam Ginkel

First Responders, Military & their families
San Isidro Labrador in Guatemala
Tarkanfi in Ethiopia
All those affected by conflict
Relationships

Shut-Ins unable to worship with us include:

Marnie Mackey
Marlys Gamm
Russ Eklund
Cindy Durand

Marlena McClanahan
Elaine Thielke
Garnet Ellertson
Katie Stormo

To join the prayer chain or to add your concerns, please email
prayerchain@oursaviorsonline.org or call Jeanne Zaske at 651.398.2414

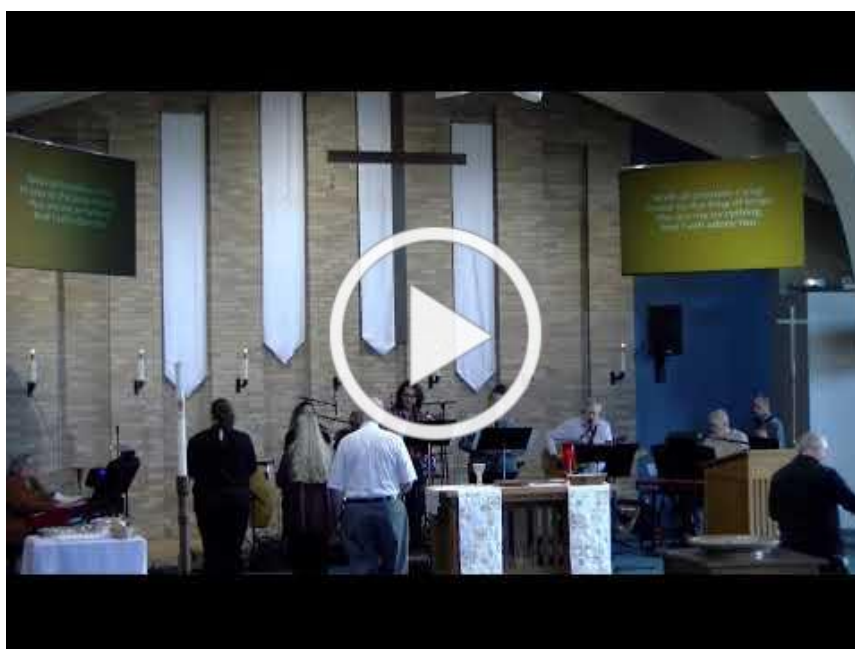
LIVESTREAMING

[Click here for our live streams](#)

Last weeks 8:45am Traditional worship service



Last weeks 10:45am Contemporary worship service



Click the video above to see our most recent worship service.

Attendance Totals for November 23rd, 2025

8:45 AM
In-Person = 71
Online* = 70

10:45 AM
In-Person = 141
Online* = 78

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



Service Times (Sundays):

8:45AM - Traditional
10:45AM - Contemporary
(Labor Day - Memorial Day)

9:45AM - Summer Worship
(Memorial Day - Labor Day)



Our Pastors:

Lead - Leland Armbright
CYF - Susie Modrow



Maintenance Request

Staff Assistance
Request

Staff Directory

serve at worship



Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in receiving emails regarding opportunities to serve at worship please click the button below and complete the form it brings you to. The physical sign up sheets can still be found in the Narthex.

For questions specific to volunteering contact:
office@oursaviorsonline.org

Email Form Sign-Up

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