




| Upcoming Events | OSLC Staff | | | | | | |
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| <p>Sunday, April 21st 8:45am Traditional Worship 8:45am Worship Volunteers JAM Singers @ 8:45 worship 8:45am Planning Council at Church 10:45am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Worship Volunteers 10:45am Sunday School 10:45am Tristan, Roman, Franco Salazar Baptisms 4:00pm SALT 6:00pm Confirmation</p> <p>Monday, April 22nd 10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study 6:30pm Scouts, Troop 65 7:00pm Troop 65 Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, April 23rd 10:00am Quilters</p> <p>Wednesday, April 24th 4:00pm JAM 6:00pm Dolce Bells Rehearsal 6:00pm MS COW 7:00pm Chancel Singers Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm HS COW</p> <p>Thursday, April 25th 12:30pm Amazing Grays Feed My Starving Children 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p> <p>Friday, April 26th 6:00pm FMSC Event</p> <p>Saturday, April 27th Communion Set up 8:00am Overeaters Anonymous 8:30am Cornerstone Rehearsal 1:00pm Knutson Confirmation</p> <p>Sunday, April 28th 8:45am Traditional Worship 8:45am Worship Volunteers 9:45am Conversation Circles 10:45am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Worship Volunteers 10:45am Sunday School</p> <p>Monday, April 29th 10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study 6:30pm Scouts, Troop 65 7:00pm Troop 65 Meeting</p> | <p>NOTE: you can reach our onsite staff by calling 763-784-1971 and entering their extension # below.</p> <p>Intentional Interim Lead Pastor Walter Still x1004</p> <p>Pastor for Children-Youth-Family Susie Modrow x1005</p> <p>Audio/Visual Team Tyr Altman Joy Rauner Andrea Stone Kerry Gustafson Richard Rossiter Ellie Lehn Don Lyk Brian Sanderson Johnnie Timm</p> <p>Director of Contemporary Music Ellie Lehn</p> <p>Choral Conductor/Music Coordinator Rebecca Luttio</p> <p>Traditional Service Accompanist Hyein Choi</p> <p>Finance Christine Ventrelli x1012</p> <p>Office Manager Sierra Busakowski x1000 (main voicemail)</p> <p>CYF Associates Children's Ministry: Danielle Draheim Youth Ministry: Nick Gilbert</p> <p>Director of Children's Choirs Joy Rauner 763-234-8131</p> <p>Director of Hand Bells Rebecca Luttio</p> <p>OSLC Funeral Coordinators Joy Rauner and Pat Feine</p> <p>Head Ushers Vern Nelson Chuck Sikora</p> <p>Nursery Attendant Christine Evans</p>  | | | | | | |
| <p>Attendance Totals for April 14, 2024</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>8:45am worship</td> <td>10:45am worship</td> </tr> <tr> <td>in-person = 67</td> <td>in-person = 71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>online* = 70</td> <td>online* = 78</td> </tr> </table> <p>*The ELCA's online worship reporting guidelines multiply online views by 2 to account for individuals within a household.</p> | 8:45am worship | 10:45am worship | in-person = 67 | in-person = 71 | online* = 70 | online* = 78 | <p>Online Giving Convenient way to give online: Scan the QR code with your cell phone camera. You will be taken to our online giving site.</p>  <p>Select :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •amount •frequency, start date if recurring •fund to contribute to •provide some account details <p>Once you give the first time, your account should be set up and you can text 651-374-9696 to give using your cell phone or scan QR code.</p> |
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| SUNDAY WORSHIP | |  OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH |
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| Sunday, April 21st, 2024 † | | |
| Our Savior's Lutheran Church FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:45AM WORSHIP | | <p>PRAYER OF THE DAY L: O Lord, good and gracious shepherd, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: Amen.</p> <p>SCRIPTURE READINGS Reader: Marilyn Erickson</p> <p>PSALM 23 L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. C: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. L: You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake. C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over. C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.</p> <p>JOHN 10:11-18 [Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."</p> <p>L: The Gospel of Our Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ.</p> |
| <p>PRELUDE</p> <p>WELCOME</p> <p>GATHERING SONG <i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!</i> all verses ELW #385</p> <p>GREETING 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.</p> <p>KYRIE ELW page 147-150 L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen. L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.</p> | | |

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| SERMON | Bishop Patricia Lull | |
| SONG | <i>Have No Fear, Little Flock</i> all verses | ELW #764 |
| APOSTLES' CREED | <p>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.</p> | |
| SONG | <i>Prayer Song</i> | JAM Singers |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | <p>After each intercession, please respond to the words, L: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.</p> | |
| RECONCILIATION | <p>L: The peace of the Lord be with you all. C: And also with you.</p> | |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | | |
| OFFERING | | |
| OFFERTORY SONG | <i>Do You Hear the Shepherd</i> | JAM Singers |
| SONG | <i>Doxology</i> | JAM Singers |
| PRAYER AFTER OFFERING | <p>L: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. C: Amen.</p> | |
| HOLY COMMUNION | | |
| THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE | <p>L: The Lord be with you! C: And also with you. L: Lift up your hearts! C: We lift them to the Lord.</p> | |
| | | <p>L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God! C: It is right to give him thanks and praise! L: Holy, living, and loving God...in your holy Church, both now and forever. C: Amen</p> <p>LORD'S PRAYER L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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.</p> <p>INVITATION TO COMMUNION <i>The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.</i></p> <p>SHARING THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST</p> <p>COMMUNION BLESSING L: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen.</p> <p>PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION L: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. C: Amen.</p> <p>BLESSING L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! L: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. C: Amen.</p> <p>SENDING SONG <i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i> verses 1, 2, & 4 ELW #789</p> <p>DISMISSAL L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!</p> <p>POSTLUDE</p> |

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| <p>Congratulations! First Communion Class of 2024!</p>  <p>"ALL GOD'S CHILDREN GOTTA SING!" All kids in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to join "JASM SINGERS." Come learn new songs, meet new friends, and share your gift of music on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. The choir sings at worship approximately one time a month.</p>  <p>Questions? Contact Joy Rauner at 763 234-8131 or joyrauner2@gmail.com</p> | | <p>Need to tick some tasks off your to-do list?</p>  <p>Staff can help!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need a flyer made? • How about help with a mailing? • Perhaps you need some printing done! <p>We can help with all these and more!</p> <p>Please email office at office@oursaviorsonline.org for more information.</p> <p>You can find a form on the counter in the main office or fill out this form on the website: https://www.cognitofirms.com/OSLC1/RequestForStaffAssistance</p> |
| <p>2024 Endowment Fund Grant Application</p> <p>The Endowment grant application process is available through April 30th. Grant applications can be filled out through Our Savior's website under Give or by filling out a paper application located by the bulletin board on the counter in the narthex. Applications are due no later than May 1st. The Endowment Committee will award grants in church on June 2nd.</p> | | <p>4/21/2024</p> <p>Today's flowers on the altar are in celebration of Paul & Marilyn Erickson's 50th wedding anniversary.</p>  <p>Flowers were graciously provided by the Dixen and Arnett families.</p> |
| <p>NEWS FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The "Call" team selected a division of two groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The "Job Description" team includes Bob Kilgore, Klye Marquard, Lauri Pudwill, and Joy Rauner. • The "Interview Question" team includes Beto Farias, Joe Kell, Ron Prazak, Andrea Stone, Sarah Ward, and Sonja Birkeland Zabel. <p>Preparation of the tasks by each team will be offered and used as templates for the whole group to adopt.</p> <p>Our Savior's members submitted ten names for consideration of our next Lead Pastor. These nominations have been delivered confidentially to the synod office. Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer, Assistant to the Bishop will connect with the possible candidate's synod and will consider factors such as the nominated candidate's openness to call, suitability of the match, etc. Approximately three weeks after the delivery of the Congregation nominations (4/8/24) we will meet again with Rolf. It's possible he will bring two to four names of Lead Pastor candidates for consideration. The excitement continues! Praise God.</p> <p>Call Committee members in His service: Beto Farias, Joe Kell, Bob Kilgore, Klye Marquard, Ron Prazak, Lauri Pudwill, Joy Rauner, Andrea Stone, Sarah Ward, and Sonja Birkeland Zabel.</p> | | |



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.

You can register online at

www.oursaviorsonline.org, under forms!



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.

You can register at: <http://lwlbc.com/oscp-oneday>

Questions? Contact Danielle: ddraheim@oursaviorsonline.org



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 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.

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!

<https://www.fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=BPEWBG>

Questions? Contact Nick: ngilbert@oursaviorsonline.org

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers:

Traci Capistrant's mother-in-law, Jacque, Beto Farias and Adam Ginkel, Anita Callander and family, Russ Ellenwood, Char Todd, Friends and family of Elsie Ulmer, Carol Shook, Les Schwiesow, Halen D, Pat K, Ethan O'Brien Chuck & Ute B, Marv Brown, Denny and Sharon's friend Larry Louise, Gordon and Chad, the family of Eunice Banta

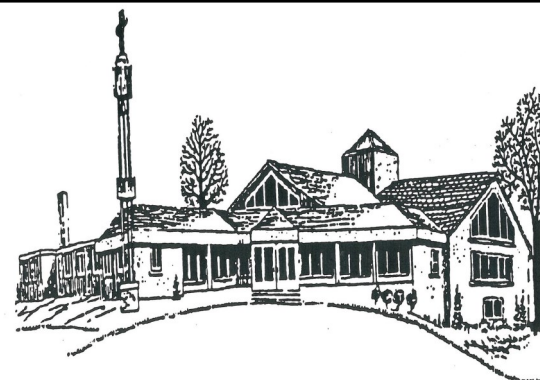
Anita Callander, Rick Carlson, Dave Hults, Sharon Dornfeld, Roy and Pat Feine's granddaughter, Annie Russ and Cindy Ellenwood's daughter, Shana Traci Capistrant's husband, Ted Traci C: upcoming marriage of Emily & David

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, Marlena 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



Ingredients/nutrition facts for the communion bread can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Amazing Gray's Events

Feed My Starving Children

This organization works with local volunteers to pack meals and distribute them through long-term partners. On April 24-28 Incarnation Lutheran Church in Shoreview is hosting a mobile pack. The goal is to pack 614,304 meals—enough to feed 1,683 children for one year.

Everyone from the congregation is invited to gather at Incarnation **Thursday, April 25 from 12:30-2:30 PM** to help pack.

Other times are available to pack: Contact Deb Rykken at 651.294.1088

Please sign-up at OSLC if you're participating!

Join the Amazing Gray's at Centennial High School for the performance of Disney's The Little Mermaid

Based on Hans Christian Andersen's story.

Senior Preview **Wednesday May 1 at 4 PM.**

Meet at OSLC at 3:30PM to carpool to the school.

Please sign-up at OSLC if you wish to attend.

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



Called to Show UP!

The leadership invites member of Our Savior's to serve as delegates to the Synod Assembly. It is an opportunity to meet pastors, member and others from our neighboring congregation and the ELCA. Our Savior's has opening for six delegates and out pastors. **Please let the Pastors or Jeff Fritz know of your interest by Thursday, April 25th.**

The Saint Paul Area Synod's 2024 Synod Assembly will be held May 10-11 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. With a theme of "Called to Show Up", we will explore what it means to show up for each other, to show up in the neighborhoods where we live, and to show up as people of faith in contexts where our presence is both expected and unexpected. The assembly features poet, author and spoken word performer Joe Davis.

Friday, May 10th—5:00pm Mission Fair | 7:00pm Hymn Festival & Worship Service

- Open to all; no registration necessary, just show up!

Saturday, May 11th—8:30am-2:30pm Synod Business Meeting

- Open only to those registered as voting member, advisor or guests.

During the assembly we will worship together, consider resolutions, elect people to leadership roles and experience being part of a wider church.

A Visit From the Bishop

Bishop Patricia Lull is visiting Our Savior's **today (Sunday, April 21st)** to meet the congregation. Bp Lull will be the preacher at 8:45 and 10:45AM worship services. A forum with the bishop will be held at 9:45AM in Luther Hall. She will then 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.



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.

For more information visit:

<https://sites.google.com/view/centennialbackpack/home>

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.



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@q.com) or
Donna Juran (DJuranDesigns@comcast.net).

Not a chef? We'll turn cash donations into edible items!
Can you set up, serve and clean up?
Call Ruel 763-360-8829 or Donna 612-618-5013.

Thank you for volunteering to participate!

Volunteer workers will be receiving additional emails with parking and car pooling information.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church 75th Anniversary Legacy Fund Update

In 2022, The 75th Anniversary Team launched The Our Savior's Lutheran Church 75th Anniversary Legacy Fund Campaign.

The Project: Care for Our Members – Accessibility Improvements Care for Creation & Energy Savings – Window Replacement Care for our Worship Experience – Sanctuary Enhancements From October 2022 to October 2023, we organized and implemented seven congregational and community-wide events to lift up and celebrate Our Savior's 75 years of being a caring community of faith.

Thank you for your generous support of this project!

Campaign Goal: \$280,000 Our goal in 2024 is to raise \$140,000 Donations to Date: \$151,600 Funds Used to Date: \$51,426

Project Status:

- The window replacement project is near completion. Windows have been replaced in the offices, conference room, nursery and room 117. Window coverings and the replacement of windows in room 111 are in progress.
- The handicap accessible restroom project has been designed. Bids are being received for remodeling the restrooms in the office area to be unisex and handicap accessible. This portion of the legacy project should be completed in the next few months.
- Sanctuary enhancements are in discussion and will be implemented in phases.

Watch for future updates and more fun 75th Anniversary events in 2024 with opportunities to have your 2024 donation matched!

Team Members: Paul & Marilyn Erickson, Bob & Jeanne Zaske, Peter & Karen Moberg, Dwight & Pat Benoy

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:

- **Changing light bulbs has saved over \$6,000 per year.** Light bulbs in the building were changed to LED in the spring of 2020. This has reduced electrical consumption by approximately 60,000 kilowatt-hours per year.
- **Solar array has saved another \$6,000 per year.** A solar array was installed on the roof of the building with production starting in October 2021. The array has produced 136,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity since it started. This has saved 211,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions from going into the atmosphere. That's the equivalent of planting 1600 trees.
- **Window Replacement.** Recently, old, rotted, and drafty windows have been replaced as part of the 75th Anniversary Legacy Project. The new windows provide energy efficiency and occupant comfort.
- **Salt Reduction.** Efforts are being made to reduce the use of salt for ice melting on the property during the winter. Salt pollution eventually finds its way into our waterways and water supply. Once salt is in the environment it is there to stay.
- **Conversations.** Kristen Genet has recently been leading a study called Conservation Conversations using the book "All We Can Save" as a basis for discussion. Actions we can take as individuals to address climate change have been outcomes from this study. More is to come.
- **Adult Education.** On December 17, 2023, Dr. Luther Dale offered a thought-provoking presentation "Glad, Sad and Mad: Living with Climate Change".
- **HVAC Contractor.** The contractor providing heating, ventilation and air conditioning services for OSLC was recently changed. The new contractor will be evaluating all of the building systems to identify areas where the building could be operated more efficiently resulting in reduced energy costs.
- **Raingarden/Pollinator Habitat.** In response to a soil erosion problem on the north side of the building, a rain garden was planted in 2008 by Our Savior's Yarden Group using 600 deep-rooted native plants in a bermed area to control the erosion, retain the water and allow it to percolate into the soil. These flowering native plants have provided the added benefits of providing habitat for pollinators and birds while filtering the water. This low maintenance area requires no mowing, which also reduces pollution.

2024 SPRING PLANT SALE

Children and youth are raising funds to help with the cost of **WAPO BIBLE CAMP, NOAH'S ARK PRE-SCHOOL** and upcoming **MISSION TRIPS**.

Thank you for helping children attend WAPO Bible camp, Noah's Ark preschool and youth who attend life changing mission trips.

(ORDERING CLOSED 4/14)



**PLANT PICKUP:
Thursday May 9th,
1:00-5:00 pm
at church.**

BULLETIN/PULSE ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

Submit your announcement for The Pulse or Bulletin: by email to office@oursaviorsonline.org Or by phone at 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

THE PULSE