

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, March 8th**
- 8:45am Traditional Worship
- 9:45am Fellowship Time After Worship
- 10:45am Contemporary Worship
- Monday, March 9th**
- 10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study
- 1:30pm Eleanor Squad
- 3:30pm Executive Committee
- 6:30pm Scouts Troop 65
- Tuesday, March 10th**
- 10:00am Quilters
- Wednesday, March 11th**
- NO YOUTH CLUB
- NO YOUTH CLUB JR
- 6:00pm 40 Days With Bonhoeffer
- 6:00pm COW Spring Break Movie
- 7:00pm Lenten Service
- 7:00pm Youth Club Worship Skills
- Thursday, March 12th**
- 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- Saturday, March 14th**
- Communion Set up
- 8:00am Overeaters Anonymous
- 8:30am Cornerstone Rehearsal
- 9:00am OSLC Work Day - Spring Cleaning
- Sunday, March 15th**
- 8:45am Traditional Worship
- 9:45am Fellowship Time After Worship
- 10:45am Contemporary Worship
- Monday, March 16th**
- 10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study
- 6:30pm Care Team Meeting - Zoom
- 6:30pm Scouts Troop 65

Attendance Totals:
March 1st, 2026

8:45 AM	10:45 AM
In-person = 61	In-person = 105
Online* = 96	Online* = 72

March 4th, 2026
7:00 PM AM

In-person = 68
Online* = 14

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

Online Giving

Scan the QR code to the right with your cell phone camera to go to our online giving site.



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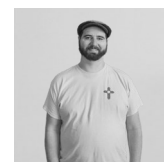
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You're invited to
Lenten Services
Wednesdays
at 7:00pm

SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 8, 2026 †



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

Third Sunday in Lent
CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - 10:45AM

SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY
 Rev. Leland Armbright
 Rev. Susie Modrow
 Cornerstone

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LENTEN BREATH PRAYER *by Diane Faries*
 L: God of all creation, you formed us from the dust and breathed life into us. Our breath is your breath. Your spirit moves within us and gives us life.
 C: **Too often we hold our breath, we are so focused on the immediate. Too often we feel choked by the tasks crying out for our attention.**
 L: Remind us, Creator, that we are yours, that every breath comes from you, that you sustain us and nourish us from the same earth which you used to form us, and to which we will one day return.
 C: **Remind us, Eternal Spirit, how to breathe. Fill us deeply with your powerful presence, open our mouths to inhale your goodness and your grace.**
 L: Remind us, O Redeemer, that you have set us free from everything that separates us from you. As we pause now to pray with each breath, help us to let go. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, releasing your sins to God's grace. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, releasing the assumptions that blind us to God's truth. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, releasing the desire to consume things that cannot fill you. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, releasing yourself from the power of false idols. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, releasing the fears that lead you to doubt yourself and God. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, releasing your need for control. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, and let go of all that separates you from God.
 C: **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

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: Holy Lord God,
 C: **We, like Peter, often turn our backs on you. Forgive us and show us a new way to live, walking boldly and passionately toward you. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING
Reader: Richard Rossiter
JOHN 18:12-27
 So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year.

Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

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

SERMON **Pastor Leland Armbright**

SONG OF THE DAY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
As we sing the song of the day, you are invited to add something to the Prayers of Lament and/or the Prayers of Hope wall.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
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 TALKS **Endowment Committee & Facilities Team**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

OFFERING PRAYER
 L: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.
 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

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: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

L: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, bless you now and always.
C: **Amen.**


SENDING SONG

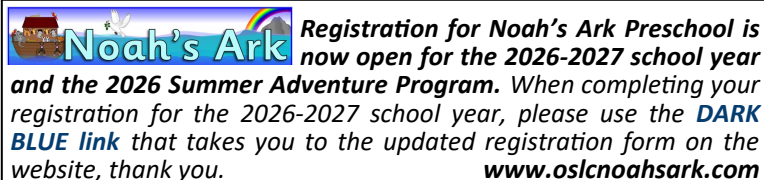
DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live the good news.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

LIVE STREAMING Please be aware that we livestream all of our worship services; including audio & video recording. By participating, you consent to being recorded & understand that the content will be shared publicly. Thank you!





Easter Memorials



As we approach Easter loved ones come to mind. If you would like to honor the memory of (or celebrate) a loved one there are forms available in the office. You may also complete the form online, which can be found by clicking scanning the QR code to the left.

All forms, (whether paper form or online form) need to be submitted/turned in to the office by the end of the day on **Sunday, March 22 - no late forms will be accepted.**

The flowers/plants you purchased can be picked up **after** our second service, around 12:00PM on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

**Due to allergies, we kindly request that the number of lilies in the sanctuary be limited. Please consider ordering flowers on our list that are not lilies. Thank you for your understanding.*

You are invited to join others from OSLC to pack lifechanging meals with Feed My Starving Children. Two times have been scheduled at the Coon Rapids location:



- Tuesday, March 17, from 5 to 6:30pm.

For more information/to register, please contact Johnnie Timm (johnnietimm@gmail.com) or Pastor Leland (larmbright@oursaviorsonline.org)

Make Your 2026 Step-Up Commitment by April 15*!!

Thank you to everyone who has made their "Step-Up" commitment! We have received \$36,750 (57%) toward the \$65,000 commitment needed to support the approved 2026 OSLC Annual Budget.



Show your commitment in the Narthex by adding your "footprint" to our Step-Up display!

If you want to Step-Up

Indicate how your household will Step-Up in 2026 by scanning the QR code to the right. If your Step-Up commitment is through recurring giving, you also need to make an update in Breeze, or contact Kerry at the email below if you want us to do it for you. Step-Up commitments that are pledge increases will be added to the pledge you made for 2026.



**Step-Up commitments must be made by April 15, 2026, when Council will evaluate first quarter results. If you wish to complete a paper Step-Up commitment form, please email Kerry kqustafson@oursaviorsonline.org*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Rusty, Jeff Weiss, Tori Appelhof, Rochelle Miller, Jeff Kenner, Lynn Rossiter, Jim Rauner, Deb Rykken, Reichert Family, Sharon Frick.

Shana, daughter of Russ and Cindy Ellenwood
Annie, granddaughter of Roy & Pat Feine
Family + Friends of Dave Hults
Family + Friends of Shirley Girard

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

50/50 Raffle

Tickets go on sale Sunday for our annual 50/50 Raffle. One winner will get half of the total pot. You can buy 1 ticket for \$2, 3 tickets for \$5, 10 tickets for \$10, or 30 tickets for \$20. You can purchase tickets in the narthex after worship or contact Nick Gilbert. The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of our bingo event on Sunday, March 29. All proceeds go toward the high school mission trip to Detroit.

Youth Group Night at Luther Seminary April 15

We will be doing a special youth group event on Wednesday April 15. All grades 6-12 will down to Luther Seminary for a night of worship, play, conversation, and pizza. We will meet at church at 5:30 pm to carpool to Luther Seminary and be back at church around 9:00 PM. Please register by March 29. This will be in place of regular COW.

<https://oslcp.breezechms.com/form/494915>

Spring Break COW

There will still be COW during Centennial's Spring Break. All grades 6-12 will meet from 6-9 pm for our annual Spring Break Movie Bible Study. This year's movie will be "Sky High". Please bring \$5 for pizza.

Bingo March 29

Join us for a fun day of bingo for all ages with some fabulous prizes donated from congregate members and local businesses. Bingo will go from 12:00-2:00 PM. Each game will be \$1 for a 3-face sheet. There will be a final overall round for \$3 per sheet at the end of the night for a chance to win some larger prizes. There will be food and beverages for sale as well. This is a **cash only event**. All proceeds go towards the High School Mission Trip to Detroit. **We are still looking for some more donations for bingo prizes. We are looking for prizes for all ages ranging from about \$20-\$30 and grand prizes ranging from about \$75+. Prizes can be dropped off in the tub in the Narthex. Contact Nick Gilbert for more information.*

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Easter Spruce-Up

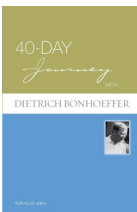
Come join your fellow OSLC members in sharing your time and talent to prepare our building for Easter. On Saturday, March 14th, starting at 9:00 am, the Facility Team will be leading a work session to do some deep cleaning of the sanctuary and commons areas of the church building. Work should wrap up around noon. If you are able, please bring some cleaning tools and supplies. Window washing is a particular need.

Sunday March 8 at 9:45 am | Food Insecurity Affects Everyone

According to a 2024 USDA report, 13.7 percent (18.3 million) of U.S. households were food insecure. Household food insecurity affected 18.4 percent (6.7 million) of households with children. Food is expensive, 1and 8 families can't afford it. *What does food insecurity mean? How does this happen? How can we help and what can we do? Come learn more about food insecurity.*

Come to Luther Hall Sunday March 8, 2026, at 9:45 a.m. We are watching a video from Clancy Cash Harrison and having a discussion on what food security is and how we can help.

Lenten Education Opportunity




This Lent, join Pastor Leland for a *40-Day Journey with Dietrich Bonhoeffer*. These books, edited by Ronald Klug, may be ordered through *Augsburg Fortress* or other booksellers. **We will be meeting 6pm - 7pm Wednesdays in the Conference Room. Please contact Pr. Leland with any questions.**

Youth Club Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for caring, committed adults to serve with our Youth Club! This is a meaningful way to build relationships, encourage faith, and support the next generation as they grow in Christ.

Whether you can help weekly or occasionally, we would love to have you join the team. **All volunteers are required** to complete a background check and Safe Gatherings training *prior to serving*.

If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here:  If you have questions, please contact Pastor Susie. Thank you for helping us equip young people to grow in faith and community!

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL SNACK DRIVE



WE ARE LOOKING FOR THESE SPECIFIC DONATIONS:

- THAT'S IT FRUIT BARS (ANY FLAVOR)
- NATURE'S BAKER FIG BARS (ANY FLAVOR)
- MOTT'S NO SUGAR ADDED APPLESAUCE
- KIND BAR'S (ANY FLAVOR)
- SKINNY POP POPCORN & PIRATE'S BOOTY
- FRESH FRUIT (APPLES, MANDARINS, BANANAS)



DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF IN THE PURPLE SNACK DRIVE BOX LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX. CONTACT PR. SUSIE FOR MORE INFORMATION AT SMODROW@OURSAVIORSONLINE.ORG

Endowment Fund Applications - Now Open

Applications for the Endowment Fund are being accepted starting March 1st. **All applications must be submitted by April 30th.** Scan the QR code to the right to be routed to the application on our website.



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Financial Summary
For the First Month of our Year Ended December 31, 2026**

	Jan 2026 Actuals	YTD 2026 Actuals
Total Income	\$64,882	\$64,882
Total Expenses	\$54,509	\$54,509
Budgeted Net Surplus / (Deficit)	\$10,373	\$10,373
Pass Through (Income) Expense	\$902	\$902
Other Income	\$0	\$0
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	11,275	11,275

Treasurer's Report

Financial Statement - Year to date we have received \$64.8k in Income. Our YTD Expenses are \$54.5k. This puts us at a positive \$11.2k year to date.

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow - The total of cash and accounts receivable is \$256.2k. Funds allocated to dedicated accounts is \$190k. This leaves us with a cash flow of \$66.2k in excess of dedicated funds. To be healthy, from a cash flow perspective, we should have more than 3 months of expenses in reserve, or \$150k. We must build up our cash reserves.

Please consider committing to our Step-Up campaign to ensure we can support our proposed 2026 budget