

THE PULSE



OUR SAVIOR'S
Lutheran Church

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March 12, 2025

*Come see the Centennial Community Band play
this Friday!*



Centennial Community Band Presents...

2025 Ensemble Showcase

with featured performances by select Chamber Ensembles

MARCH 14 - 7:30PM

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

9185 Lexington Ave NE, Circle Pines, Minnesota

Special thanks to Our Savior's Lutheran Church for hosting this event!



Free Admission - Donations Appreciated



Easter Preparations

As we approach Easter loved ones come to mind. If you would like to honor the memory of (or celebrate) a loved one there will be forms available in the office starting today, Wednesday, March 12th. This year you also have the option of completing the form online, [the online form can be](#)

[found by clicking this link.](#)

All forms, (whether paper form or online form) need to be submitted/turned in by the end of the day on Sunday, April 6th - no later. If you have questions please reach out to [Sierra](#).

The flowers/plants you purchased can be picked up AFTER our second service, around 12:00PM on Easter Sunday, April 20th.

[Paper Copy of Order Form](#)

[Flowers Available this year](#)

Dear members and partner organizations,

Due to recent sewer back up issues, we need your help. It appears that wipes are clogging our pipes. This may or may not pertain to you, but we want to ensure everyone is on the same page. All wipes are to be disposed of in the trash. No wipes are to be flushed down the toilet. In addition to wipes, feminine products, diapers, trash, and paper towels are all detrimental to our plumbing. Thanks for helping us to be good stewards of our shared spaces!

Blessings,
Pr. Susie and the Facilities Team



Coffee Break!

Our next Secret Prayer Sisters "Coffee Break" is Saturday April 5th from 9am to 11am in Luther Hall. We hope to see you all there!
Please RSVP by March 31st to Marg Otte @ 763-784-9033
or Donna Juran @ 612-618-5013 if you will be joining in on the FUN!

We are sad to share that Nicolas and Clemencia Tut, a family in our partner congregation in San Isidro Labrador, lost their house in a fire this past week. Thankfully, no one was injured in the fire.

OSLC will be sending money from the Deacon's fund to help repair the damages.

Please keep their family and the community in your prayers.



Celebrate Our Savior's

Celebrate Our Exciting Future!

Our Savior's is a great community that is excited about our future. As Mayor Dave said a few Sundays back, "We are a community of possibilities!"

To celebrate and welcome our new pastor, Rev. Leland Armbright, there will be a celebration event on Thursday, April 10 in Luther Hall from 6-8pm. All Our Savior's members are asked to come and bring a friend – especially anyone who has not been back since the pandemic.

We have much to celebrate! Join us for wine, food, fellowship and song. Pastor Leland will be there to give a short message and have plenty of time to meet and greet attendees. Hear about what we have to celebrate and receive a special all take-home gift.

Here is a personal way to invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this free social event. Invitations will be available to pick up between services and in the church office beginning Monday, March 10. A personal invitation whether delivered in person, via snail mail, email, or phone call is always the best!

Click the button below to download a .pdf of the invitations for the event. You can print these invites at home or email a digital version to friends/family inviting them to the event. You are encouraged to add a hand written note under "Join Us" on the right side of the invitation as personal touches are always a positive.

*If you are interested in volunteering at this event, a sign-up sheet is located in the office during the week.

PDF to print invites at home

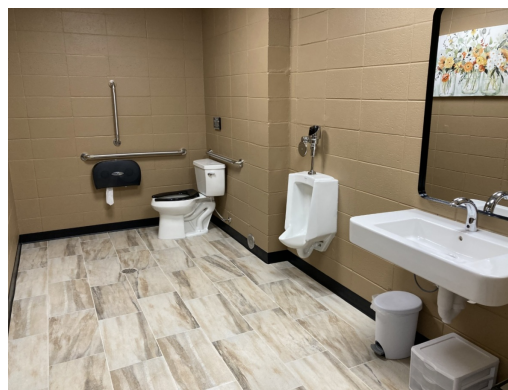


BINGO April 13th

Join us for a fun day of bingo for all ages with some fabulous prizes donated from congregant 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 coverall 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 Albuquerque.

*We are still looking for some more donations for our April 13th Bingo. We are looking for prizes for all ages ranging from about \$20-\$30 and some grand prizes ranging from about \$75+. Contact *Nick Gilbert* for more information.

A big thanks to all the business that donated already including: Dunn Brothers, Renaissance Festival, Waldoch farm, Shoreview Community Center, St. Paul Saints, Grand Slam, Panera, Conquer Ninja Gym, and Zero Gravity.



Before and after photos of the recently completed handicap accessible restrooms as part of the 75th Anniversary Legacy Fund Project. Thank you to all who supported this campaign.



Young Adult Night - Saturday, March 29

Calling all young adults (ages 18-30s)! Join us for a fun and meaningful evening of fellowship and service. We'll start by volunteering at *Feed My Starving Children*, followed by a relaxing time of bowling!

This event is open to everyone, so you don't have to be a member of OSLC to participate. If you'd like to carpool, we'll be meeting at the church around 5 PM, and we'll use the new van for transportation.

Please RSVP to Nick by March 22 so we can plan accordingly. We can't wait to see you there!



OSLC AFFIRMATIONS

Thank you to:

Deb and Sierra for all their work on OSLC website, Amy Nielson for leading Youth Room Renovation project; John Bergdahl for re-painting the youth room; all the volunteers that assisted with Guatemala Youth Club Feb 5 and 12th; The Rauner family for their participation in Youth Club; Ellie Lehn for providing music for Noah's Ark chapel time; the guides/parents and SALT leaders for their work on the 9th grade retreat; the volunteers who assisted with the 3rd grade Bible classes; Troop 65 for helping out with worship on Scout Sunday; Israel and Beckett for their work to obtain the Jesus and Me badge; Dwight for hosting the all committee meeting to discuss renovation plan impacts; Angie Robinson for sharing her HR insights and helping us process transitions as a staff; thank you to Pr. Walter for all his work during this interim time!

Holy Hammers™



Twin Cities

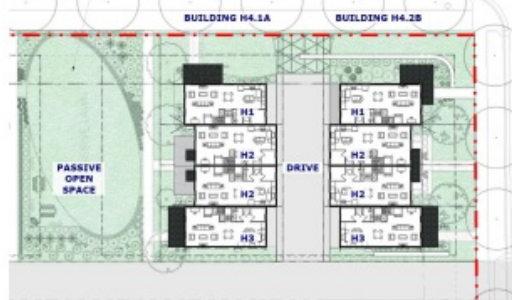
Habitat for Humanity®

2025 build:

The Heights at Larpenteur & McKnight, St. Paul

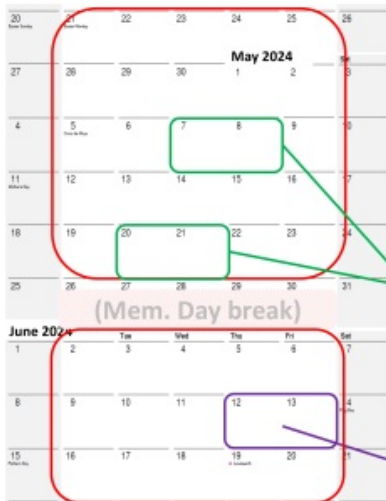


(Sample illustrations of outside and floor plans)



Build dates:

April 21 – June 20



TCHFH encourages volunteers to carpool!

- OS assigned days are May 7-8, 20-21 (but)
- you can sign up for any day in Apr-May-June
- OS will supply food on May 7-8.

Potential tasks:

- Sheet rock
- Painting
- Flooring
- Trim/ finish work
- Kitchen cabinets



Sign up here:

<http://holyhammers.tchabitat.volunteerhub.com>

Holy Hammers Recruitment

Sign up is open enrollment so please sign up as soon as possible to fill the slots available for OSLC members. I am also looking for people to donate/purchase food for the 17 volunteers who will be working on 7 and 8 May.

Sign up: holyhammers.tchabitat.volunteerhub.com
Contact: ruel477carp@q.com (763.360.8829) for more information.

Lent: Broken and Beloved

Stories of God's Steadfast Love

Wednesdays

6:15 pm Soup Supper (except 3/12)

7:00 pm Worship

Lent/Holy Week Schedule:

3/5 Ash Wednesday at 7 pm

4/13 Palm Sunday at 8:45 & 10:45 am

4/17 Maundy Thursday at 7 pm

4/18 Good Friday at 7 pm

4/20 Easter worship at 8:45 & 10:45 am



GREAT NEWS FOR OUR SAVIOR'S!

Pastor Leland Armbright will start serving OSLC on Monday, March 17th. Please continue in prayer as we prepare to support and grow alongside our new pastor in the work God has called us to do.

We look forward to the many blessings that God will bring through this new chapter in the life of our church.



EcoFaith Summit 2025 | EcoFaith

Saturday, April 5, 9:30am - 5:00pm, First Lutheran Church in Duluth and Online. St. Paul Area Synod's Care of Creation Work Group in collaboration with the EcoFaith Network invites you to participate. The day includes impactful speakers, action-oriented engagement sessions, vibrant worship, inspiring art, table exhibits, and networking time to equip disciples in congregations, camps, campuses and communities to respond to God's call in the cries of Creation. To register and for more information including a carpool discount, free registration under age 30 and free childcare provided. Click "read more" below for more info.

[Read More](#)



CCBP

The Centennial Community Backpack Program, a community program founded and sponsored by Our Savior's, is proud to announce the kickoff of its **30th year** of service! This school year, with your generous support, we were able to provide over 472 Centennial students with supplies. We are reaching out in hopes that you will support this important program again for the 2025-2026 school year. We need your help now, more than ever, as the need for support continues to grow.

4 ways you can support the Centennial Community Backpack Program:


- 1.) Adopt a backpack for student(s), go to our website, centennialbackpack.org or click on [this link](#) for the registration form.
- 2.) Make a monetary donation that will be used to purchase backpacks and supplies for Middle and High School students, as well as extra supplies for the schools.
 - a. Go to <https://www.oursaviorsonline.org/give> to make a monetary donation (select Backpack/School Supplies in the first drop down).
 - b. Write a check to OSLC with **Backpack** written in the memo line.
- 3.) Donate your empty ink cartridges—there's a box in the Narthex. We receive \$1 in merchandise for every cartridge we recycle.
- 4.) Spread the word by sharing our website centennialbackpack.org or Facebook page [Centennial Community Backpack Program](#) with your friends, family, neighbors, businesses, co-workers, clubs, etc. If you know of a family in the Centennial School District that could benefit from this program, inform the family to contact their school office.

Please contact us at centennialbackpack@gmail.com with any questions.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Centennial Community Backpack Team



ELEANOR
SQUAD 

**Adult Forum:
Sunday, March 30th
9:45-10:45am**

Our Saviors member, Worknesh Begi, will update us on her work directing Tarkanfi mission projects, Ethiopia.

She will also tell us about her recent experience participating in the 69th session of the UN Women's, Commission on the Status of Women, New York City.

**sponsored by Our Savior's Eleanor Squad*

HAND OUTS

FROM MAYOR DAVE'S TALK !

Dave Bartholomay's talk last Sunday at Adult Forum was packed with tips and wisdom on servant leadership and building community. So much to think about!

We don't have a recording of the talk, but you can click here to view Dave's handouts: Reflecting on 20 Years as a Mayor (slide presentation), The Optimist Creed, Arthur Brooks' 5 Rules – Love Your Enemy, and Welcome to Being an Elected Official in Local Government.

Thanks so much, Dave, for your thoughtful presentation!



[Elected Official Handout](#)

[Dave's Presentation](#)

[Optimist Creed](#)

[Love Your Enemies](#)

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The support we receive through Thrivent's Charitable Funds program **Thrivent Choice** has been nothing short of a blessing. In 2024, our organization received **\$2,064.00** through Thrivent Choice Dollars. This generosity of unrestricted funds fund projects beyond our regular budget. We kindly ask for your continued support by directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Our Saviors. **You can allocate any remaining 2024 Choice Dollars until March 31, 2025, or begin assigning your 2025 Choice Dollars now.** For further details, kindly refer to **Thrivent Choice** at www.thrivent.com or call 1.800.847.4836 and indicate Thrivent Choice when prompted.

Thank you for your incredible generosity and support; we rejoice, pray, and give thanks to you for your consideration.



Support & Resources

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

- Connections Chorus meets every Thursday.
- Caregiver Support Group - Virtual/Zoom
(caregiving@lyngblomsten.org)
- Memory Loss Zoom.
- Dementia Friendly Worship services.
- The Gathering offered at various locations from 10AM - 2PM weekly
(mjagolino@lyngblomsten.org)

Resources for the above listed groups, classes, activities and more can be found via clicking the buttons below or by visiting [Lyngblomsten's website](#).

The Gathering

Memory Loss Zoom

Tools for Caregivers

Wellness Education Classes

Memory Collective

Dementia Friendly Worship



Registration Now Open!

Our Savior's has a block reserved for June 15-20 for kids completing grades 4-12. You can register at <https://lwlbc.com/os-cp>

Our spots are held until Feb 15th, so register today. Do you have friends that want to go with you but don't go to our church? That is encouraged and they should use the same link to register so you are placed together!!

Are you in 2nd or 3rd grade and want to try camp out for the weekend? Our church has a block of spots for this too. It is June 20-22. Use the link above to register for the SEEDS weekend.

Wapo One- Day

Are you interested in going to Camp Wapo, but you aren't old enough or you're not sure what it is all about? You can go to Wapo for just one day to test it out! Join Pastor Susie for a fun filled day at Wapo on June 18 from 7:30am-4:30pm. It is a day packed with all camp activities but then you will be back home in time for dinner. You can register at the link above!

Any questions on Camp Wapo can go to [Danielle Draheim!](#)



4th Grade First Communion

4th Grade First Communion Class will be on Sunday, April 13th, 2025 from 9:15am - 10:45am in Luther Hall. Then you will go into church at 10:45am to take your first communion. Please email Danielle at ddraheim@oursaviorsonline.org to register. This is a class for the 4th grader and at least one parent or guardian to attend together. If you have a child that is older than 4th grade that hasn't taken this class yet, we encourage you to join us! If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Draheim.



VBS Registration Now Open!

VBS will be June 23-26, 2025 from 9am-12pm.
Come and dive into a friendship with God. Here is the link to register!
<https://oslcp.breezechms.com/form/ebcb9c511719>

Are you in 7th grade or older and would like to volunteer at VBS?
Here is the link to sign up to sign up to help!
<https://oslcp.breezechms.com/form/f1d790775515>



Hello High School Families!

The registration for our 2025 High School Mission trip to Albuquerque, NM, is now open! The dates for the trip are July 11-20 and the cost is \$580 if you fundraise and \$780 without fundraising. See the information packet below for more details. I will also be looking for 3 adults who would be interested in joining us for this trip. Adult leaders do not have to pay for the trip. The final page of the packet has some information on what it takes to be an adult leader on a mission trip. Registration can only be completed online this year. Please let [Nick Gilbert](#) know if you have any questions!

Information Packet

Registration



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

Noah's Ark Website

NOAH'S ARK is now accepting
registrations for the:

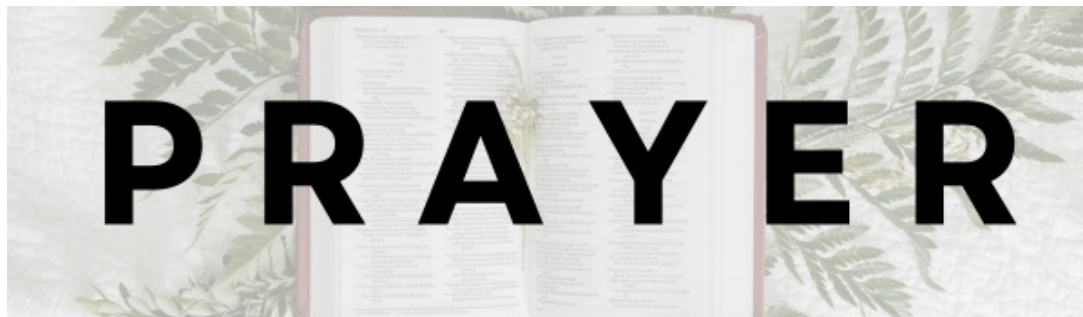
- 2025-2026 school year
- 2025 SUMMER ADVENTURE PROGRAM

(preschool classes and school age classes)

Note: There is NO summer registration fee for currently enrolled students.



Go to www.oslcnahsark.com and click on the ENROLLMENT tab to register!



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers:

Cori Sendle, Carol Shook, Jack DeWalt,
 Pat K, Vicki Hunter, Jacque Capistrant, Garnet Ellertson,
 Ethan O'Brien, Darlene Hults, Dona Paulsen
 Rick Carlson, Dave Hults, Galen, Richard Rossiter,
 Sharon Dornfeld, Theresa Cullen, Tori Appelhof,
 Sandy Ellendwood, Jeff Weiss, Jim Rauner & Marnie Mackey

Shana, daughter of Russ and Cindy Ellenwood
 Denny and Sharon's friend, Larry
 Annie, grand-daughter of Roy & Pat Feine
 Shannon, wife of Terry Kirberger
 Family & Friends of Lisa Cherry Vojtech
 Hudson James, great-great nephew of Janice Kluck

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

Shut-Ins unable to worship with us include:

Marnie Mackey
 Marlys Gamm
 Eunice Banta

Marlena McClanahan
 Elaine Thielke
 Garnet Ellertson

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](#)

Click the video below to watch this past Sundays 8:45AM worship service



Click the video below to watch this past Sundays 10:45AM worship service



Attendance Totals for March 9th, 2025

8:45 AM
In-Person = 36
Online* = 62

10:45 AM
In-Person = 79
Online* = 62

Attendance Totals for March 5th, 2025

7:00 PM

In-Person = 41

Online* = 38

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



Our Services (Sundays):
8:45AM - Traditional
10:45AM - Contemporary



Our Pastors:
Lead Interim - Walter Still
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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