



| Upcoming Events | OSLC Staff | | | | | | |
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| <p>Sunday, January 12th 8:45am Traditional Worship 9:45am Third Grade Bible Class 10:45am Contemporary Worship 4:00pm SALT 6:00pm Confirmation</p> <p>Monday, January 13th 10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study 6:30pm Scouts - Troop 65</p> <p>Tuesday, January 14th 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Endowment Committee 6:30pm Youth Ministry Team</p> <p>Wednesday, January 15th 4:00pm Youth Club 4:30pm YC Percussion 6:00pm MS COW 6:30pm Community Confirmation Event 7:30pm HS COW</p> <p>Thursday, January 16th 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p> <p>Friday, January 17th 7:00pm Worship Field Trip</p> <p>Saturday, January 18th Communion Set up Snowfest 8:00am Overeaters Anonymous 9:00am Meet & Greet with Pastoral Candidate</p> <p>Sunday, January 19th 8:45am Planning Council at Church 9:45am Worship 10:45am Vote</p> <p>Monday, January 20th 10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study 6:30pm Care Team Meeting - Zoom 6:30pm Scouts - Troop 65 7:00pm E-Squad Book Discussion</p> <p>Tuesday, January 21st 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Congregational Council Meeting 6:30pm MomCo</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 OPEN POSITION</p> <p>Traditional Service Accompanist Hyein Choi</p> <p>Finance Christine Ventrelli</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 OPEN POSITION</p> <p>OSLC Funeral Coordinators Joy Rauner & Pat Feine</p> <p>Head Ushers Vern Nelson Chuck Sikora</p> <p>Nursery Attendant Christine Evans</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>Attendance Totals for January 5, 2025</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>8:45 AM Worship</td> <td>10:45 AM Worship</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In-person = 49</td> <td>In-person = 86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online* = 90</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> | 8:45 AM Worship | 10:45 AM Worship | In-person = 49 | In-person = 86 | Online* = 90 | Online* = 78 | <p>Online Giving</p> <p>Convenient way to give online: Scan the QR code with your cell phone camera to go to our online giving site.</p>  <p>Our Savior's Lutheran Church OFFICE OPEN: 9185 LEXINGTON AVE N. MONDAY - THURSDAY CIRCLE PINES, MN 55014 9:00AM - 3:00PM WWW.OURSAVIORSONLINE.ORG CLOSED FRIDAY office@oursaviorsonline.org 763.784.1971 sbusakowski@oursaviorsonline.org Saint Paul Area Synod, ELCA</p> <p><small>Liturgy/Hymns: Used with permission under SBL09641L, SBL09641H, ©2023 Augsburg Fortress; All rights reserved. Songs/hymns: Used with permission under CCLI License #265394 and/or One License #A-732889. All rights reserved. Used with permission under #: SB173574 Sundays & Seasons. All rights reserved.</small></p> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY WORSHIP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, January 12, 2025 †</p> | |  |
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| <div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>January 18th Meet & Greet - the candidate - 9:00AM - 11:00AM ☺ don't miss it see you there!</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #a4c6e0; padding: 5px;"> <p>January 19th •one service at 9:45AM •vote regarding calling a new pastor at 10:45AM come & worship -see you there!-</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Savior's Lutheran Church The Baptism of Our Lord 10:45 AM WORSHIP</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>PRAYER OF THE DAY L: Almighty God, C: you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</p> <p>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</p> <p>SONG <i>Mighty to Save</i></p> <p>SCRIPTURE READINGS <i>Reader: Deb Morris</i></p> <p>PSALM 29 L: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. L: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters. C: The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon; C: the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. L: The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes. C: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. L: The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!" C: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore. L: O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.</p> <p>LUKE 3:15-17,21-22 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His</p> | |
| <p>SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY Rev. Walter Still Rev. Susie Modrow Cornerstone</p> <p>PRELUDE</p> <p>WELCOME</p> <p>GATHERING SONG <i>We Fall Down</i></p> <p>CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting. C: Amen. L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. <i>Silence is kept for reflection.</i> L: God-with-us, C: we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen. L: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, † forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy. C: Amen.</p> | | |

winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

L: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON Pr. Walter Still

SONG Goodness of God

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each intercession, please respond to the words,

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

RECONCILIATION

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

PRAYER AFTER OFFERING

L: God of grace,

C: your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

WORDS OF INVITATION

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: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

L: Nourishing God,

C: at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

L: The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL VIDEO



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



All third-grade students and their parents are invited to attend the 3rd Grade Bible Faith Stepping Stone January 5th - February 9th (no class Jan 19th). Third grade students and one or both of their parents 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 at OSLC, please join us!

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!

Scan the QR code on the right for the online registration form! Scan the QR code on the left for the information packet!



2023 group photo from the high school mission trip to Toledo, Ohio.



Upcoming Events

**December 28th - January 18th
Recycling/Upcycling Christmas Decorations**

Is it time to declutter your Christmas decorations? DONATE THEM to a great cause! The Connections team will be collecting holiday decor to use for NEXT years porch pot event at Erickson's farm. But we NEED SUPPLIES! As you put your decorations away in the New Year, consider dropping them off in the Narthex (look for the BIG box!) we would greatly appreciate it! *NO CHRISTMAS TREES OR LIGHTS accepted. Please limit items to wreath/tree and garland decor, ornaments, ribbons, etc. We are also looking for floral tape and wire! THANK YOU!

**January 25th
Presence, Power and Purpose:
Supercharge your Spiritual Life in 2025**
Presentation by Rev. Dr. Siri C. Erickson
Founder and Coach - Compassionate Way

**Date: Saturday, January 25, 2025
Time: 9:00am - 11:30am
Location: Our Savior's Lutheran Church
9185 Lexington Ave N.
Circle Pines, Mn 55014**

\$10/person at the door (cash or check only). No RSVP required. Coffee, water and snacks will be provided.

More info to come on:

Lefse Making - Date TBD

Beginning Cross Country Skiing - Date TBD

Learn to Make Kransekake - Date TBD



Secret Sisters
sharing the love of Jesus

At our latest Secret Sisters coffee break, we enjoyed a fun crafting session. Over cups of coffee and delicious treats, we created beautiful decorative plant stakes. We were also honored to have Jeff Weiss with us, sharing insights about his work in Africa through Engineers Without Borders. A big thank you to Jeff for inspiring and educating us all!



CALLING A NEW PASTOR

The Call Committee and Congregational Council are pleased to inform you that we are ready to issue a call to our final candidate for the position of Lead Pastor!

There is still one more opportunity to learn more about the candidate prior to the vote. Join us for:

Meet & Greet: Saturday, Jan. 18th, from 9-11am. The candidate will lead us in a short worship service. Following worship, join us for refreshments as we socialize with the candidate and his family. Drop in as your schedule allows and enjoy a mid-morning treat!

Vote: Sunday, Jan. 19th, at 10:45 am. We will have one service (that starts at 9:45AM) with the congregational vote to follow at 10:45AM. Your presence and your voice are how we continue to shape OSLC into the congregation that God is calling us to, so please plan to attend.

OSLC AFFIRMATIONS

Roy Feine for making repairs to coffee maker; Jeanne and Bob Zaske for all the work on LIFT advent craft Shanna Semmler for hosting Nov. LIFT event; Deb Morris and Kelly/Kyle Marquard for accompanying the Young Families Group; Beto Farias and Sue Linser for sharing messages during STILL Worship; SALT Youth for leading STILL worship, as well as special guests the Chancel Choir and Cornerstone for joining this worship service; Renee Dietz and Kathy Holliday-Jech for hosting the cookie reception following STILL worship; Deb Morris for filling in with No Equal for STILL Worship last minute; Jim Rauner for leading the percussion Youth Club group; Maureen Foreman for all she does to help confirmation run smoothly; Deb and Richard for all their hard work putting the Congregation and Lay Leader Covenants together: Charisse, Keralyn, Angie, Kerry, Mark B for Staff Luncheon on 12/17; Peter Moberg, Mark Gustafson & Kate Sanderson for assisting with music following Rebecca's resignation; Rael Carpenter for planning Amazing Gray activity; Christine V and Kerry G. for all their work on the budget; Call Committee for their steadfast faith; and Final Lead Pastor Candidate for their faith.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers:
Keith Perlich, Cori Sandle, Carol Shook, Pat K, Vicki Hunter, Jacque Capistrant, Galen, Ethan O'Brien, Darlene Hults, Dona Paulson Rick Carlson, Dave Hults, Peterson Family, Hemming Family, Sharon Dornfeld, Theresa Cullen, Sandy Ellenwood & Marnie Mackey.

Shana, daughter of Russ and Cindy Ellenwood's Denny and Sharon's friend, Larry Gary Stjern, brother of Chris Stjern Baby Elsie & her family
Annie, granddaughter of Roy & Pat Feine Shannon, wife of Terry Kirberger Family & Friends of Glenn Otte Family & Friends of Marv Brown Family & Friends of Shirley Meek Lydia, granddaughter of Steve & Elizabeth Luttio Family & Friends of Jason Herschman

Those affected by Hurricane Helene and Milton First Responders, Military & their families, San Isidro Labrador in Guatemala, Tarkanfi in Ethiopia, Sudan & Ukraine

Shut-ins unable to worship with us include:
Marnie Mackey, Marlys Gamm, Elaine Thielke, Eunice Banta, Cindy Durand, Katie Stormo, Garnet Ellertson, & Marlena McClanahan.

To join the prayer chain or to add your concerns, please email prayerchain@oursaviorsonline.org or call Jeanne Zaske 651-398-2414

**Adult Forum, Sunday, March 2nd
9:45 am in Luther Hall**

OSLC member Dave Bartholomay will reflect on his 20 years of serving the community as the Mayor of Circle Pines.

Dave will share his thoughts on how to build a sense of community and belonging, and why focusing locally is the way to make a better life.



sponsored by Our Savior's Eleanor Squad



We had an amazing turnout for our Young Adult Game Night on Friday (1/3), with 15 participants and several others expressing interest in meeting semi-regularly throughout the year. If you're between 18 and 34 years old and would like to join this new group, please contact Nick Gilbert for more details at ngilbert@oursaviorsonline.org



YOUNG ADULT GATHERING



We look forward to seeing more of you at our upcoming events!



Book Study

Join us to discuss the Book "A Good Time For the Truth: Race in Minnesota" by Sun Yung Shin

In this provocative book, sixteen of Minnesota's best writers provide a range of perspectives on what it is like to live as a person of color in Minnesota. Minnesota communities struggle with some of the nation's worst racial disparities.

This book provides an important tool to those who want to be a part of closing those gaps. It is also available online through Libby or you may purchase it yourself. A book discussion will take place on Monday January 20th (Martin Luther King Day) at 7 pm at church.

For more information contact Renee Dietz at reneedietz2@gmail.com or look for her between services at the Eleanor Squad Table.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Financial Summary For the Eleventh Month of our Year Ended December 31, 2024

| | Jan-Nov 2024 YTD Actual | Jan-Nov 2024 YTD Budget | Variance |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| General Income | 526,300 | 529,926 | (3,626) |
| Operations Income | 1,390 | 379 | 1,011 |
| Program Income | 12,111 | 15,502 | (3,391) |
| Total Income | \$539,801 | \$545,807 | (\$6,006) |
| Total Expenses | \$558,275 | \$595,032 | (\$36,757) |
| Budgeted Net Surplus / (Deficit) | (\$18,474) | (\$49,225) | \$30,751 |
| Pass Through (Income) Expense | \$765 | | \$765 |
| Other Income | \$63,518 | | \$63,518 |
| Net Surplus / (Deficit) | 45,809 | (49,225) | 95,034 |

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Operations - We have generated \$526.3k in YTD General Income. Our YTD Expenses are \$558.3k. Giving was high in Nov thanks to the success of the Preparing the Way campaign. But expenses were high as well. Reporting only General Income, we would still have a ~\$18.5k deficit. However, some of the ERC tax credits applied for in 2023 have been approved and were received in November resulting in a +\$45k balance. As we had not counted on these funds awaiting their approval, this is truly a timely blessing! These funds will be held in reserve, building upon the Preparing the Way campaign to strengthen our foundation, support OSLC as our ministry grows, and will be made available in the event that our expenses exceed our giving." See original communication on ERC tax filing in the Pulse dated 12/18/2024 under "Financial Report".

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow - The total of cash and accounts receivable is \$220.2k. Funds allocated to dedicated accounts is \$207.4k. This is very positive that we now have enough cash to cover our dedicated funds.

LADIES RETREAT AT WAPO

A women's retreat is scheduled to take place at WAPO Bible Camp in Amery, WI January 10-12th, 2025. Friday evening begins at 7 PM and the retreat goes until Sunday at 12PM.

Check your calendar and sign yourself up. Bring a group of your friends or come ready to make some new ones. This retreat is designed to offer space to renew your spirit.

Ages: 18+
Cost: \$190.00
Check-in is on Friday after 7:00 pm.
Check-out is on Sunday at 12:00 pm.

Find more info online at:
<https://lakewapo.org/programs/renew-wapo-womens-retreat/>



DATE: Sunday- February 16
TIME: 9:45-10:40

Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A Theologian for our Times

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran theologian during the time of Adolf Hitler and the Third Reich. He was part of the Confessing Church which was formed to call the church to faithfulness. Rev. John Matthews is an author and Bonhoeffer scholar who will guide a discussion on what Bonhoeffer's theology and church leadership says to the church and the United States today in this challenging time.

serve at worship



If you are interested in receiving emails regarding serving at worship please scan the QR code below and fill out the form it brings you to.



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

THE PULSE

BULLETIN/PULSE

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
Monday - Thursday, 9AM - 3PM.

Deadline each week is Tuesday at 9:00am

*Submissions made after the deadline will be included in the following week's Bulletin/Pulse.



Lyngblomsten Community Services offers a wide range of resources such as various classes, activities, and gatherings for individuals and their families/care-givers.

Some classes include Fall Prevention, Living with Chronic Conditions, Caregiver Support, and many others.

Resource links for groups, classes and activities can be found by scanning the QR code to the right or online at:
<https://www.lyngblomsten.org/community-services>



The AV Team is still seeking volunteers to help with video streaming and/or slide projection on Sunday mornings! Once trained, you can sign up for as few or as many services as you'd like! This is a fun team to work with and the view from the upper deck is great!

Please see Ellie Lehn or Kerry Gustafson if you have questions.