

# THE PULSE



OUR SAVIOR'S  
Lutheran Church

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church Wednesday, April 23, 2025

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*Thank you for worshiping  
with us for Easter*





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

|   | Mar 2025<br>Actuals | YTD 2025<br>Actuals |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Total Income</b>                     | <b>\$58,007</b>     | <b>\$146,630</b>    |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                   | <b>\$54,507</b>     | <b>\$151,644</b>    |
| <b>Budgeted Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b> | <b>\$3,500</b>      | <b>(\$5,014)</b>    |
| Pass Through (Income) Expense           | \$471               | \$855               |
| <b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>          | <b>3,971</b>        | <b>(4,159)</b>      |

| <b>Treasurer's Report</b>  |
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| <i>Statement of Operations - We have generated \$146.6k in YTD Total Income. Our YTD Expenses are \$151.5k. This puts us at a negative \$5k year to date. However, there are some expenses, from our latest sewer backup in late March, that have not been approved to include in our financials yet. These expenses will hit our books in April (\$5k deductible plus expenses not covered by insurance).</i> |
| <i>Balance Sheet &amp; Cash Flow - The total of cash and accounts receivable is \$281.7k. Funds allocated to dedicated accounts is \$188.3k.</i>   |

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## Please Join Us

You are invited to join us on **Sunday, May 4th** for the Installation of Pastor Leland as our Lead Pastor. We will be installing new Congregation Council members that day as well. As part of the celebration, we are excited to welcome Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer, Assistant to the Bishop for Lay Leadership and Equity Initiatives, of the St. Paul Area Synod, ELCA.



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## Facility Loan Update

The paperwork to secure our \$360,000 loan with Mission Investment Fund, approved in January during a special Congregation Meeting, is progressing. Legal counsel has been obtained to review the agreements and we hope to finalize this week.

A requirement that was not clear during initial conversations, is for OSLC to invest \$15,000 with Mission Investment Fund as part of our partnership with MIF. Council is working with the Endowment Board to shift identified investment dollars from Thrivent to MIF to satisfy this requirement. This investment will be short term, low risk, will earn interest quarterly that will be available to the Endowment Board, and the monies will be returned to



the Endowment Fund at the end of the 3 year Term Investment vehicle selected by the Endowment Board.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact [Kerry Gustafson](#).

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Please help us in welcoming Julie Ackerman, who has recently joined our Nursery Attendant team.



My name is Julie Ackerman. I am a working mom, wife, caregiver and master coordinator of chaos. I am proud to add to my many titles Nursery Attendant at OSLC. My husband, Joe of almost nine years and I share three little girls that you have probably seen roaming the church on Sunday mornings at the 8:45am service. I found myself attending OSLC when I was pregnant with our eldest child. I was looking for a church that would feel like home while providing a sense of community for our family as we introduced our children to God.

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### **Facility Clean Up**

Thank you to all who helped clean up the facility and grounds a few weeks back. We appreciated all the helping hands.





### **Spring is here...it's 'Yarden' time!!**

As springtime arrives at Our Savior's many of the 'Yardeners' from our congregation have been busy preparing their areas for the upcoming growing season. A 'Thank You' goes to all who have offered to help with this mission of the church. Thanks, also, to all who found time to help prepare the grounds for Easter Sunday!

If you are interested and able to join this group of 'Yardeners', there is a poster in the narthex showing the various plots around our building that are still available for 'caretakers'. Please feel free to ask for more information by emailing the Zaske's at [bandjzaske@comcast.net](mailto:bandjzaske@comcast.net). If you are unable to help with this mission, please thank those you recognize for their summer long efforts.

See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come. Song of Songs 2:11-12.





## World Hunger 30 Hour Famine

11 high school students participated in the 30 Hour Famine last weekend. They began their fast before school on Friday and then spent the night at church. We played various games that connected to Bible studies that were centered around hunger-related issues. Saturday morning we went to volunteer at the Centennial Area Food Shelf for their Easter basket distribution. We broke our fast Saturday afternoon with a light meal of rice, beans, fruits, and vegetables. This event is not only for students to get a better understanding of hunger-related issues and to feel on a small scale what it is like to be truly hungry, but also to raise awareness and money for ELCA's World Hunger. If you would like to donate to World Hunger, please donate online via breeze. <https://oslcp.breezechms.com/give/online> In the drop down menu select "give to World Hunger." If you would like to donate to a specific youth who participated in the famine there is a spot for comments after you select continue. **Donations will be open through April 27.** You can also drop off cash or check donations to church. Please indicate in the memo line that it is for World Hunger 30 Hour Famine.





**I give electronically**



Please contact the church office  
for more information on electronic giving.

## **I Give Electronically**

Do you give electronically like I do? Regular electronic giving is critical to Our Savior's financial health, yet sometimes it can feel a bit awkward when the offering basket comes by. This is why we have "I Give Electronically" cards in the pews. I simply place one in the basket as it goes by. We are in need of a volunteer or two who can restock the pews each week with these cards so others can use them too. If you are able to help out in this way, please contact the church office.



**OSLC**  
**AFFIRMATIONS**



## Acknowledgments and Affirmations

- **Vern and Russ:** Thank you for cleaning up after Pastor Leland's enthusiastic splash in the baptismal font during worship.
  - **Paul and Marilyn Erickson:** For your hard work on the Welcome event.
  - **Nick Gilbert:** For leading the 30 Hour Famine, coordinating high school service at the Food Shelf, and organizing Bingo—all in one weekend.
  - **Julie Ackerman and Kerry Gustafson:** For your leadership with LIFT.
  - **Lilly Robinson:** For providing wonderful childcare for the Young Families Group.
  - **Nick, Joy Rauner, Marianne Knutson, Pat and Roy Feine, Sierra, and the confirmation youth:** For assisting with moving items to prepare the kitchen and Luther Hall for cleaning.
  - **Tanya Dolney, Christine Evans, and Mark Beaubien** For being part of the Nursery Attendant interviewing team.
  - **Laurel Charest, Paige Dahlman, Katherine Knutson, Hailey Peterson, Lilly Wigen, and Lorne & Marianne Knutson:** For providing treats, ushering, and reading during the April 6 worship service.
  - **Dwight:** For your work on the sewer cleanup.
  - **Sierra:** For managing the busy season with excellence—your dedication has not gone unnoticed.
  - **Youth Club participants:** For leading inspiring Lenten services.
  - **Everyone who participated in the church cleanup:** Your contributions this past weekend are truly appreciated!
  - **The Scouts:** For serving lunch during Bingo.
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## Whimsical Wigs Making Smiles Workshop!

May 15th, 2025  
6:30PM at OSLC in Luther Hall

Making Smiles! for kids going through cancer treatment by providing adorable, soft character wig & beanies while they are going through a difficult journey. Wigs & beanies are provided free to kids staying at hospitals & Ronald McDonald Houses in MN.

Thrivent Dollars will be used to purchase materials. There is no charge to



participate. All are welcome and no experience is necessary! Please register for this event using the button below.

\*Sponsored by OSLC's Connections Team



Register for  
Whimsical Wigs  
Event Here

Check out our  
flier and spread  
the word!



## OSLC Endowment Fund

The OSLC Endowment Fund was established by the congregation in the year 2000 to enhance the ministry and mission of our church. The Fund grows through financial gifts in the form of memorials, donations, bequests and legacy giving that are held in an investment account for additional growth. A portion of the income generated from the investment is distributed as grants each spring in the areas of Mission, Outreach, Capital Improvement and Financial aid. Monies and management of the Fund are separate from that of the church operating budget.

Over the past 20 years the Endowment Fund Board has disbursed over \$94,000! Each year we have distributed between \$5000 and \$7000. Every year we have more requests for grants than we are able to fulfill and they are often asking for larger amounts than we are able to give. Our vision is to grow the fund so that we have the ability to give greater support to those who need it. We invite you to help us grow the fund by including a bequest, annuity or other gift to the Endowment Fund in your estate plans. Please contact Jeanne Zaske (651-398-2414) for more information about the Endowment Fund.

Also, now is the time to apply for a grant from the Endowment Fund. Applications are due by April 30th with disbursements to occur at the June 1st church service. Please scroll to the bottom of the OSLC Forms website (<https://www.oursavioronline.org/oslcforms>) to find out more about applying for a grant.



# AMAZING GRAY'S

## *events to watch for*

**Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:**

- **The Centennial High School will present The Addams Family musical on April 30, at 4:00PM.** Join other seniors at the Performing Arts Center, Centennial High School, 4707 North Road, Circle Pines for their preview performance. It is a free event so come to the high school and enjoy the amazing talent of our high school students. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex, if you need a ride please note this on the signup sheet and we can arrange that for you.
- Once again, Deb Ryken (former Our Savior's member and Centennial teacher) is organizing a MobilePack event for **Feed My Starving Children at incarnation Lutheran Church, 4880 Hodgson Rd. Shoreview. The Amazing Grays are scheduled to fill a shift on May 1, 3:30-5:30PM.** Wear comfortable shoes and no jewelry since it involves standing for about an hour and a half, scooping, filling, sealing, counting and packing the finished product into boxes as fast as we can. You will be wearing a hair net while packing food. If you wish to donate while there, \$106 provides enough meals to feed a child a meal a day for an entire year! It's a great way to get to know other people by working side by side. Please email Marianne at [mrerlien@msn.com](mailto:mrerlien@msn.com) to sign up.

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## GARAGE SALE



**Mission Trip Garage Sale - May 3**

Have you begun your spring cleaning? Please consider donating items to



help the mission trip! Donate your clothing, toys, household item, etc. Please only donate gently used and clean items. The garage sale is Saturday May 3, from 8:00am- 3:00pm.

**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 29, from 6:00-8:00pm
- Wednesday, April 30, from 9:00am-8:00pm
- Thursday, May 1, from 9:00am-8:00pm
- **NO DONATIONS ON FRIDAY**

If you have any questions about your donations please contact [Nick Gilbert](#). All proceeds will be for our High School Mission Trip.

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**Recruitment Sunday - April 27th**

**Join us this Sunday!**  
**We Do What Friends Would Do**

Friendly Visits  
Transportation  
Meals  
Light Housekeeping

**We will be serving coffee  
after both services.**

Grab a 'cuppa' and chat.  
Pick up a flyer.

Contact Chris Stjern  
612-309-6410 [crstjern@gmail.com](mailto:crstjern@gmail.com)

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

A few volunteers are still needed for the OSLC assigned work dates of May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Donate &/or Serve Lunch: Contact Donna Juran at [djaurandesigns@comcast.net](mailto:djaurandesigns@comcast.net) to donate prepared snacks or lunch for the 17 volunteers working on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Serve lunch at the worksite (1461 McKnight Rd., Maplewood, MN).

Contribute To Twin Cities Habitat For Humanity Using the OSLC fundraising link:

<https://tchabitat.donorsupport.co/-/NHMXYSNK?member=SELBTRXL>



For Additional Information Contact:  
[Ruel477carp@g.com](mailto:Ruel477carp@g.com) or call: 763-360-8829



**The Centennial Community Backpack Program**  
provides students in need with the tools to succeed.

## CCBP

### Here's how you can help:

1. Help us reach our goal of having **250** backpacks adopted. Click on **[adopt a backpack](#)** to complete the form.
  - a. Please complete the registration form as soon as possible, so we can determine how many students we may serve.
  - b. The cost for a backpack with supplies ranges from \$75-\$120. Please keep this in mind if you plan to adopt multiple backpacks.
  - c. A letter with a school supply list and backpack drop off information will be mailed to you in June.
2. Make a monetary donation that will be used to provide backpacks and supplies for over **230** Middle and High School students, as well as extra supplies for each of the schools.
  - a. Click **[donate online](#)** 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.

*Please contact us at [centennialbackpack@gmail.com](mailto:centennialbackpack@gmail.com) with any questions.  
Thank you for your continued support!*





## 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](mailto:caregiving@lyngblomsten.org))
- Memory Loss Zoom
- Dementia Friendly Worship services
- The Gathering offered at various locations from 10AM - 2PM weekly  
([mjagolino@lyngblomsten.org](mailto: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 is still 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> 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](#)!

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## VBS Registration Still 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>

*[More info can be found on our webpage](#)*

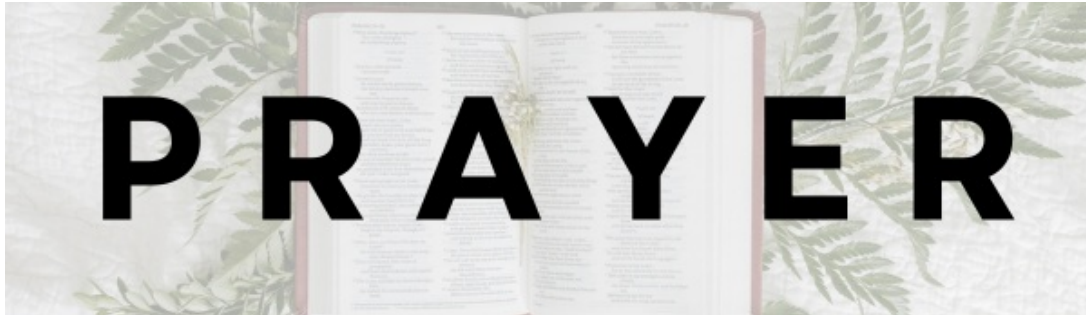
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Register now for  
Noah's Ark Preschool  
&  
Before/After  
School Childcare

Noah's Ark Website



**PRAYER CONCERNS**  
**Please remember in your prayers:**

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

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  
Family & Friends of Elliot Lindbo, brother of Karen Davis  
Katrina, daughter of Julie Killey

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

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Shut-Ins unable to worship with us include:

Marnie Mackey

Marlena McClanahan



Marlys Gamm  
Eunice Banta  
Cindy Durand

Elaine Thielke  
Garnet Ellertson  
Katie Stormo

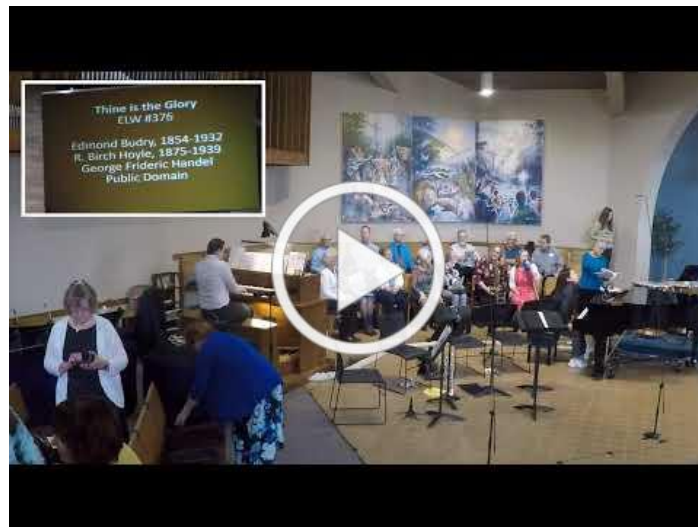
To join the prayer chain or to add your concerns, please email  
[prayerchain@oursaviorsonline.org](mailto:prayerchain@oursaviorsonline.org) or call Jeanne Zaske at 651.398.2414

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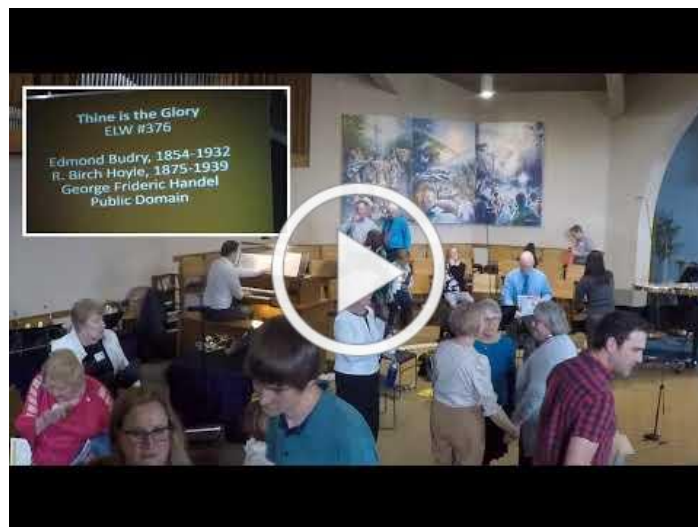
## LIVESTREAMING

[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



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## Attendance Totals for April 20th, 2025

**8:45 AM**  
In-Person = 194  
Online\* = 122

**10:45 AM**  
In-Person = 272  
Online\* = 114



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

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



Our Pastors:  
Lead - Leland Armbright  
CYF - Susie Modrow

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Maintenance Request

Staff Assistance  
Request

Staff Directory

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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](mailto:office@oursaviorsonline.org)

Email Form Sign-Up

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