


Upcoming Events	OSLC Staff						
<p>Sunday, March 30th 8:45am Traditional Worship 9:45 Worknesh Begi - Adult Forum Eleanor Squad 10:45am Contemporary Worship 3:00pm SALT Huddle 4:00pm SALT 6:00pm Confirmation Workshop</p> <p>Monday, March 31st 10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study 6:30pm Scouts - Troop 65</p> <p>Tuesday, April 1st 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm MomCo</p> <p>Wednesday, April 2nd 4:00pm Youth Club 4:30pm YC Percussion 5:45pm Young Families Group 6:00pm MS COW 7:00pm Lenten Service 7:30pm HS COW</p> <p>Thursday, April 3rd 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p> <p>Friday, April 4th 6:30pm Secret Prayer Sisters Set-Up</p> <p>Saturday, April 5th Communion Set up 8:00am Cornerstone Rehearsal 8:00am Overeaters Anonymous 9:00am Secret Prayer Sister - Coffee Break 1:00pm Cookie Baking - Marianne Knudson</p> <p>Sunday, April 6th FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE 8:45am Traditional Worship 9:45am Lift 10:45am Contemporary Worship 4:00pm SALT 4:00pm SALT Preview Night 6:00pm Confirmation Workshop</p> <p>Monday, April 7th 10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study 6:30pm Scouts - Troop 65</p> <p>Tuesday, April 8th 10:00am NA Chapel 10:00am Quilters</p>	<p>NOTE: you can reach our onsite staff by calling 763-784-1971 and entering their extension # below.</p> <p>Lead Pastor Leland Armbright 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>Choir Director/Director of Handbells Doreen Hutchings (Interim)</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>OSLC Funeral Coordinators Joy Rauner & Pat Feine</p> <p>Head Ushers Vern Nelson Chuck Sikora</p> <p>Nursery Attendants Christine Evans OPEN POSITION</p>						
	<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>Attendance Totals: March 23rd, 2025</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">8:45 AM Worship</td> <td style="width: 50%;">10:45 AM Worship</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In-person = 86</td> <td>In-person = 137</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online* = 152</td> <td>Online* = 178</td> </tr> </table> <p>March 26th, 2025 7:00PM Worship</p> <p>In-person = 86 Online* = 14</p> <p><small>*The ELCA's online worship reporting guidelines multiply online views by 2 to account for individuals within a household.</small></p>	8:45 AM Worship	10:45 AM Worship	In-person = 86	In-person = 137	Online* = 152	Online* = 178	<p>Our Savior's Lutheran Church</p> <p>9185 LEXINGTON AVE N. CIRCLE PINES, MN 55014 WWW.OURSAVIORSONLINE.ORG</p> <p>office@oursaviorsonline.org sbusakowski@oursaviorsonline.org</p> <p>OFFICE OPEN: MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00AM - 3:00PM CLOSED FRIDAY 763.784.1971 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 CCL 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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SUNDAY WORSHIP		 OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
<p>March 30, 2025 †</p>		
<p>Our Savior's Lutheran Church Fifth Sunday in Lent 10:45 AM WORSHIP</p>	<p>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</p> <p>SONG <i>Lord Listen to Your Children Praying</i></p> <p>SCRIPTURE READINGS <i>Reader: Sonja Birkeland Zabel</i></p> <p>PSALM 32 L: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away! C: Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile! L: While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. C: For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. L: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. C: Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. L: You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. C: I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye. L: Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." C: Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. L: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.</p> <p>LUKE 15:1-3, 11b-32 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned</p>	
<p>SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY Rev. Leland Armbright Rev Susie Modrow Cornerstone</p> <p>PRELUDE</p> <p>WELCOME</p> <p>GATHERING SONG <i>Jesus Messiah</i></p> <p>CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. C: Amen. L: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love. <i>Silence is kept for reflection.</i> L: Compassionate One, C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen. L: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. C: Amen.</p> <p>GREETING <i>Children are invited to come forward to lead this portion of the service.</i> 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: God of compassion, C: You welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</p>		

against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

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

SERMON Pr. Leland Armbricht

SONG *Amazing Love*

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

OFFERTORY SONG *I Am the Bread of Life*

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Gracious Provider, you continue to set your treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing these treasures with others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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

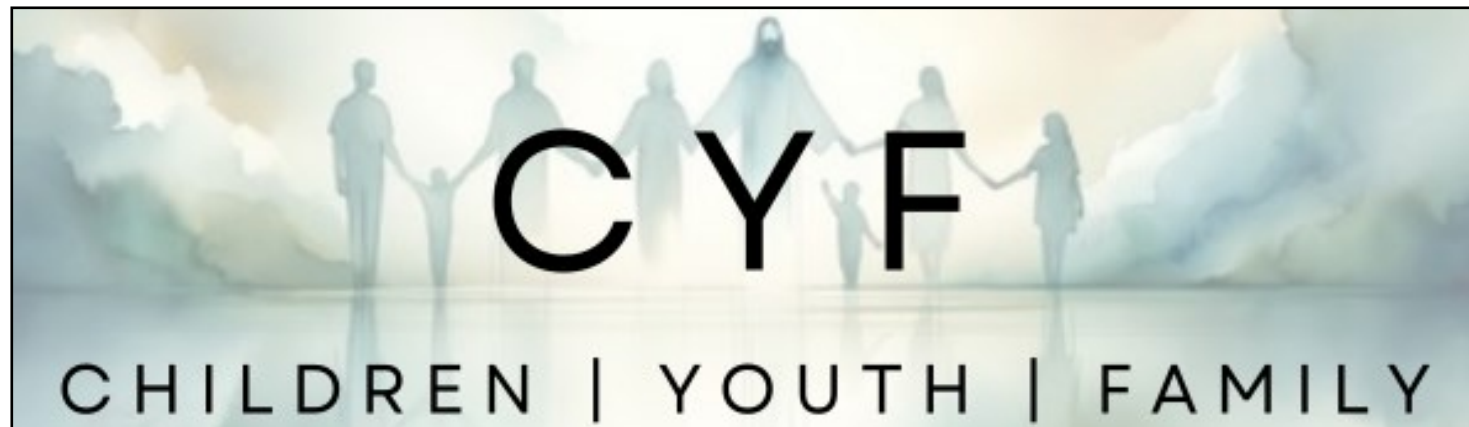
L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

L: Generous Host,
C: You have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our community, that we might share your liberating love with the world, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

L: God our loving parent, God the crucified one, and God the spirit of reconciliation † bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.



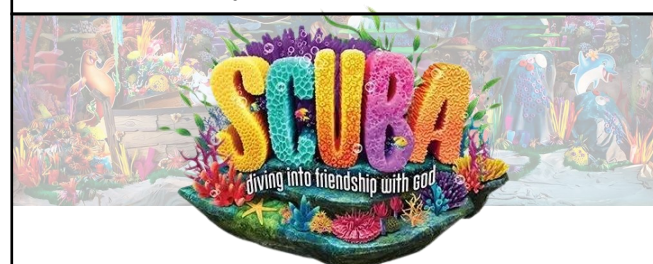
Our Savior's has a block reserved for June 15-20 for kids completing grades 4-12. You can register at <https://lwlbc.com/os-cp>

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!

Please direct any questions to **Danielle Draheim**



VBS will be June 23 - 26, 2025 from 9am-12pm. Come and dive into a friendship with God. Scan the QR code to the left to register!

If you are in 7th grade or older and would like to volunteer this year at VBS please scan the QR code to the right to register!



Join us on Saturday, April 12, from 9:45am-12:00pm at the Centennial Area Food Shelf. We will be helping families carry out food to their cars. Confirmation students will get service hours for attending.

Contact Nick if you would like to join.



Youth Club Percussion



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.



More info to come on these upcoming events:

Whimsical Wigs Making Smiles Workshop!
- May 15th

Secrets to go from Losing Your Mind to Boosting Your Brain during Menopause
- Fall 2025

THE CONNECTIONS TEAM
CONNECTING PEOPLE & BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS




OSLC CARE TEAM & LYNGBLOMSTEN CONNECTION

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>

Recruitment Sunday - April 27th



Care Team Ministry

Join us!

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




Centennial Community Band

Thank you all for coming out to the Centennial Community Band concert at Our Savior's.

We appreciate this opportunity to build upon our community relationships. It was an evening filled with fun music and fellowship.

If you were unable to attend, check out the live stream performance on our YouTube channel under the "live" tab.


Thank you!



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

Here's how you can help:

1. Help us reach our goal of having **250** backpacks adopted. Use the QR code below to go to our website (centennialbackpack.org) and click on the link for registration form.
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. 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.




*Please contact us at centennialbackpack@gmail.com with any questions.
Thank you for your continued support! The Centennial Community Backpack Team*

SENDING SONG *I'll Fly Away*

DISMISSAL
L: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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





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!

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.

DONATION DROP OFF WILL BE TUESDAY, APRIL 30, THROUGH THURSDAY, MAY 2. All proceeds will go towards the high school mission trip to Albuquerque.


GARAGE SALE



SPAS Guatemala Friends Event
Saturday, April 5 - 9:30-11 a.m. | King of Kings, Woodbury

Topic: Colegio Luterano Agustino de Guatemala (CLAG).

Join us to learn about the elementary school—the successes and challenges of this 25-year-old ministry with children from a marginalized neighborhood. We will hear from Pastor Esther, the founder; Pastor Beatrice, the administrator; and one of the dynamic teachers. Opportunities for supporting the school will be shared. No registration is necessary.




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.oursaviorsonline.org/oslcforms>) to find out more about applying for a grant.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers:

Cori Sendle, Carol Shook, Sharon Dornfeld, Jacque Capistrant, Dona Paulson, Pat K, Richard Rossiter, Darlene & Dave Hults, Rick Carlson, Jack Dewalt, Garnet Ellertson, Tori Appelhof, Theresa Cullen, Jeff Weiss, Galen, Sandy Ellenwood, Jim Rauner & Marnie Mackey. Shana, daughter of Russ and Cindy Ellenwood's Denny and Sharon's friend, Larry Annie, granddaughter of Roy & Pat Feine Shannon, wife of Terry Kirberger Hudson James, great-great nephew of Janice Kluck

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, & Marlana McClanahan.

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

It's that time of year!
Plant order forms now open:

PLANT SALE



Children and youth are raising funds to help with the cost of **WAPO BIBLE CAMP, NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL** and upcoming **MISSION TRIPS**. Please support this ministry and buy your bedding plants and flowering hanging baskets on behalf of these KIDS.

Order forms are available in the narthex and church office. You can also find the order form via an email sent out 3.24.2025. Please mail or bring order forms (with payments attached) to reach the church office by **Wednesday, April 9th**.

Thank you for helping children attend WAPO Bible Camp, Noah's Ark Preschool and youth who attend life changing mission trips!

Plant pickup will be Thursday, May 8th from 1:00pm-5:00pm in the Narthex. Like last year, we will sell remaining plants after services on Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day.. hint..hint..).



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 Armbricht, 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 are available to pick up between services and in the church office. A personal invitation whether delivered in person, via snail mail, email, or phone call is always the best! The Pulse (3.12.2025) also has a link to a .pdf version of the invitations if you'd like to print them at home.



Bingo Night April 13

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.

Bingo Donations

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.

Volunteer to work with Holy Hammers

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

OSLC assigned work dates are **May 7, 8, 20, & 21**.

No job too small Measure 2X, cut 1 Spread light Know the drill



Donate &/or Serve Lunch:

Donate prepared snacks or lunch for 17 volunteers working on May 7 & 8. 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@q.com or call: 763-360-8829



Working together



Holy Hammers



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 please take a form from the office, fill it out, & return it to the office with payment attached.

This year you also have the option of completing the form online, the online form can be found by scanning the QR code below, or you can find a link to the form in The Pulse from 3.12.2025.



All forms, (whether paper form or online form) need to be submitted/turned in by the end of the day on Sunday, April 6th.

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

Thank you!

**Due to new information regarding 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!

AMAZING GRAY'S

events to watch for

- Feed My Starving Children, Thursday May 1, 3:30-5:30 (20 spots to fill)
- July 30th Thursday, 2:00 Theater production of Church Basement Ladies at the Plymouth Playhouse. Ticket price is \$39.00. We have 20 tickets reserved. There is an option for a buffet lunch (\$17.95) before the play.

Watch for sign-up sheets for both of these events after Easter!

April 12th - OSLC Work Session

Come join your fellow OSLC members in sharing your time, talent and treasure to beautify and maintain our building. On April 12th starting at 9:00 am and wrapping up around noon, we will be holding a work session.

Please come to help care for the building where so many good things happen!

A task list can be found in the Pulse article from 3.26.2025.



People of OSLC-

An update on the Tut family in Neuva Guatemala that experienced a house fire. OSLC has sent the maximum amount typically offered to individuals who utilize the deacons fund; however, we know that the costs of repairs and replacement of the family's belongings will exceed that amount. If anyone is willing and able to give a love offering to further assist the family it would be graciously accepted. Please indicate your gift should be applied to the Tut Family in the memo

line of a check, by using the Guatemala giving tab for electronic gifts, or on an offering envelope. Thanks again for supporting our sisters and brothers in Nueva Guatemala, Gracias!