

THE PULSE



OUR SAVIOR'S
Lutheran Church

Our Savior's Lutheran Church January 15, 2025

The office will be closed Monday, January 20th in honor of MLK Day.



CALLING A NEW PASTOR

Join us this weekend - don't miss it!

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.


Eleanor Squad 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.



ELEANOR
SQUAD 



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.

DATE: Sunday - February 16

TIME: 9:45-10:40

**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



Tuesday, Jan. 21 - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Online

Presented by the ELCA in partnership with Augsburg Fortress Publishers, this free online event will feature worship, workshops, music and guided reflection while centering the voices of ELCA leaders of color. An exceptional lineup of workshops and speakers is designed to raise awareness of the need for racial healing and to inspire collective action toward building common ground for a more just and equitable world. The event is open to all ELCA rostered ministers, lay leaders and members.

[*National Day of Racial Healing*](#)

Connections Team

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!



THE CONNECTIONS TEAM
CONNECTING PEOPLE &
BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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





**LADIES RETREAT
AT WAPO**

RENEW

January 10-11 found some of Our Savior's women at Camp Wapo in Amery, WI at their annual women's retreat. Time was spent in workshops with a guest speaker centering on the theme, RENEW. Free time was spent crafting, puzzle making, and touring the area for refreshments.

One of the highlights of the weekend was entertainment at each meal by the Minnesota Boy Choir that was retreating at the camp as well. Their director, Mark Johnson, is a former choir director here at Our Savior's and his directing with these young men and boys is an inspiring treat in and of itself.



Virgil & Gloria Beecher attended and were members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church for decades. Until Virgil called to God December 2014 & Gloria called to God January 2024. Our Savior's Lutheran Church was the church they went to nearly every Sunday and contributed in so many ways to life and the ministry of the church.

For decades their entire family, including grandchildren and great grandchildren, would attend Christmas Eve worship service. Then gather at Virgil & Gloria home to socialize, share a meal together, and exchange gifts. As Virgil & Gloria were getting older Christmas Eve tradition continued except for home we gathered at after Christmas Eve worship service moved to one of their grandchildren homes.

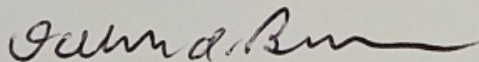
For the last few years instead of having a gift exchange, we normally have a white elephant gift card exchange. This year (Christmas 2024) Beecher family decided instead of money we each spend for gift cards; we gather the money and play a game to narrow down the winners. Then the top three winners from fourteen get to choose a charity to donate money too.

Well, I was the 2nd winner, and I chose Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Our Savior's Lutheran Church was an important part of Virgil and Gloria lives for decades, and I treasure the fond memories of attending Xmas Eve service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church for almost fifty years before Gloria passed earlier this year. Along with the memories of occasional Sunday's I would attend with Virgil & Gloria when not needed to provide tech for the church I attend, then spending afternoon with them sharing a meal, socializing, and laughing for hours onward.

Please accept this enclosed check in the amount of \$100 and use where God see best to support the ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Wishing clergy, staff, members, and friends of Our Savior's Lutheran Church a blessed holiday season.

Peace,



Darren D. Beecher
Virgil & Gloria oldest Grandson

OSLC staff received this card over Christmas, we are sharing it with the congregation after having gained approval from Darren Beecher. Warm memories, such as the one showcased here, are a great reminder of the love and community we all share in Christ. Thank you Beecher family for sharing such fond memories and thinking of us.



Mentors Wanted

Do you have experience, wisdom, and knowledge that you would like to share with the younger generation? This Lent we are starting a mentorship program alongside our confirmation ministry. We are looking for adults who are willing to invest in the youth of this church to form lasting intergenerational relationships and mutually grow in community with Christ. Time commitment would be Wednesdays in Lent from 6:00-7:30 PM. We will start with 30 min of get to know you activities, go up for Lenten meal together, and worship together at the Lenten services. Our first week will be Ash Wednesday, March 5. Contact [Nick Gilbert](#) if you are interested.



Youth Room Cleanup

Thank you to all the moms (and Bennett) who deep cleaned the youth room. The next step is to paint. Don't worry the hand wall will not be touched! After painting they will work to fundraise to get some new furniture and other updates to the youth room; be on the lookout for more information!

[Click here to see all the photos](#)



Construction Update

Great progress is being made on the bathroom remodel project. The tile installation is nearly complete!



OSLC AFFIRMATIONS

THANK YOU!

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; Peter Moberg for helping connect the microphone for the new pulpit; Call Committee for their steadfast faith; and Final Lead Pastor Candidate for their faith.



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





COW Tubing - Jan 29th

We are going snowtubing on January 29 at Elm Creek Park Reserve from 6-9 PM. This event is open to anyone in 6-12 grade.

- Registration is required and spots are limited.
- The cost is \$10/person

[*Tubing Sign up*](#)



For Our Students

Attention confirmation families! There is a new opportunity coming this Lent for your students to engage their faith and get to know other adults in the congregation who would like to invest in your student's life. Confirmands will get faith hours for participating. Time commitment will be Wednesdays in Lent starting on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Each meeting will be in place of middle school COW from 6:00-7:30 pm and will include a Lenten meal and worship. There are also additional opportunities for service and faith hours during the meal and worship. Contact [*Nick Gilbert*](#) if your student is interested in taking part of this Ministry Mentorship initiative!



3rd Grade Bibles

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!



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](#)



PRAYER

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers:

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

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

First Responders, Military & their families
Those effected by Hurricane Helene & Milton
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
Cindy Durand

Marlena McClanahan
Elaine Thielke
Garnet Ellertson
Katie Stormo

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 January 12, 2025

8:45AM

In-Person = 44

Online* = 74

10:45AM

In-Person = 74

Online* = 90

*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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www.oursaviorsonline.org

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