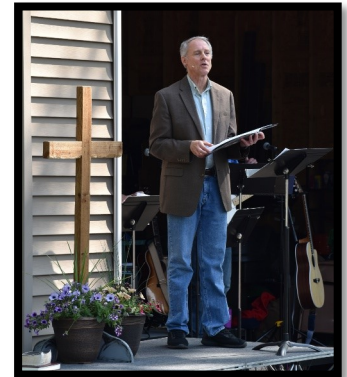




# Quarterly Ministry Update

Summer 2023

## May 21, 2023 Outdoor Service





## From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Psalmist writes, *"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man," (Psalm 118:8). These are important words for us to remember as a church as we seek to serve and follow God. The reason it is important for us to remember this is because it can be very tempting to turn to our wealth, our wisdom, or our abilities when we face hard times in life. It can be very tempting to trust in governments and nations to protect us and respect us, and to fix our problems. However, our wealth may fade, our wisdom could falter, and our abilities may fall short, and no nation or government can be our Savior.*

So as we seek to serve and follow God we turn to Jesus because he has conquered death, sin, and the devil. We turn to Jesus because even if the world hates us, we know he loves us and is with us. This is who we are called to be as a church and this is what we strive to do in our ministry: seek after God, trust him, and serve him.

We looked to God's Word to direct us through the Bible studies this spring:

- The Book of Revelation
- Youth and Parenting Classes on Jesus, Sexuality & Gender

We continue to trust God and look ahead to:

- 100 year Anniversary Celebration
- Calling Vicar Limmel to serve as Associate Pastor
- Calling a new Director of Our Savior School

In Christ,  
Pastor Adam

## Worship

Summer is always a special with vacations and time at the cabin, but we should still stay closely connected to worship. Even if we are away, we have the blessing of being able to regularly worship through the gift of live streaming.

While we would like to see you in person for worship, fellowship and the blessings of connectedness, live streaming is a great alternative when you are away from home. If you are watching online, please digitally check-in so we know you were worshipping!



This summer's holiday schedule includes **Sunday, July 2** and **Sunday, September 3** with a single **10:00am** worship service. Please plan to join us, whether in person or live stream.

**The Board of Directors hosted an Employee Appreciation Dinner on May 26. Several staff were recognized for their years of service.**

1. Jeff Machemehl (25 years) Building Operations
2. Laurie Bromenshenkel (15 yrs) Administrative Dir.
3. Libby Laufers (10 Years) Organist
4. Vicki Bradly (5 years) Lamb Room Aide
5. Adam Hengst (5 Years) Senior Pastor
6. Carla Baumann (2 years) Infant Room Teacher
7. Chet Gunhus (2 yrs) Contemporary Worship Leader



## Share Your Tech Talents

Everyone who serves Sunday mornings on **sound, camera or slides** plays an integral part of the worship experience. They are also sharing God's Word to those outside of these walls!

We would encourage everyone 13+ to consider learning the skills to support our worship services and for those who are live streaming. The tools are easy to use and provide a rewarding experience to the volunteer. Please contact [Fred.Limmel@oslcs.org](mailto:Fred.Limmel@oslcs.org) if you have questions or want to volunteer. **We truly need more help.**



## Sunday School

On December 18, the Sunday School presented their Christmas program "Be Born in Us Today." Students through 7th grade sang and told the story of Jesus' birth while the senior high helped with the service.

May 14 wrapped up our Sunday School year. We averaged 30 students in Preschool through 7th grade for the winter/spring classes. Special thanks to our teachers and subs who shared God's love each week: Heidi Hengst, Janet Frigard, Mandi Pratt, Amanda Field, Jodi Graves, Shannon Aurich, Lily Studenski and Mary Wolberg.

## Our Savior Gala

The Gala was held on February 25 and we had around 80 guests in attendance. The Roaring 20s proved to be a very fun and festive theme for the evening. Our fundraising efforts raised over \$22,000 for our various ministries. We were excited to welcome over 15 guests from the school that were in attendance. Special thanks to the Gala Committee: Gary Schrupp, Joe Aurich, Laurie Bromenshenkel, Lisa Johnson, Laura Kimber and Janet Renner.

## Prayer Team

**The Prayer Chain** consists of many faithful prayer warriors who lift up concerns and praises to God. You are encouraged to email prayer requests to [prayers@oslcs.org](mailto:prayers@oslcs.org) or [fred.limmel@oslcs.org](mailto:fred.limmel@oslcs.org). If you want the requests to be included in the Sunday bulletin' prayers, please specifically request that.

**A Time for Prayer** continues each Thursday from 12:00-1:00pm, even throughout the summer. Anyone is welcome to join on Zoom as we specifically pray over the ministries of this church and its members. You can find the link on Church Center calendar or you can email [Fred.Limmel@oslcs.org](mailto:Fred.Limmel@oslcs.org) to get the link.

**Prayer Vigils** continue to be held on the third Saturday of each month in the Sanctuary from 9-10:00am. Plan to join us for all or a portion of this hour on June 17, July 15 and August 19.

## Discipleship

Sudnay Adult Bible studies continue on Sundays at 9:30am (excluding holiday weekends). Pastor Adam will complete his study on the Book of Revelation. Beginning June 25, Vicar Fred will lead stand alone studies for the remainder of the summer. .

Pastor Adam will continue his online Bible study on Thursdays (taking a break in July). These studies can be seen live on Facebook or can be found on <https://www.oslcs.org/resources/video-ministry/> at 9:30pm

## The Easter Journey & Egg Hunt

For 2023, we brought The Easter Journey inside our Community Center. We had 200 kids who received a passport that told the entire Easter story and got stamps at each stop as they made their very own resurrection eggs. They made two crafts, enjoyed a cookie, several photo opps and there were many smiles. Families took about 45 minutes to go though The Easter Journey. Then the kids headed outside to our playground for an egg hunt. It got a little slushy by the end, but turned out to be a nice day to be outside.

I am very grateful for the 61 volunteers who fill the 76 roles before, during and/or after! We could not have done it without you! *Laurie Bromenshenkel*

## Youth Ministry

Congratulations to our Confirmands students on completing the confirmation classes. The students gained valuable knowledge and meaningful experience from the classes. Confirmation is an important milestone and signifies a commitment to one's own faith, not the faith of their parents. This is another step in their faith life and the church should pray for them to hold fast to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

The 8-12 grade Elevate youth had fun at a myriad of activities over the last three months! Escape rooms, bonfires and Sunday night Bible studies offered opportunities for fellowship, recreation, and spiritual growth. We spent the last five weeks exploring what sexual integrity looks like and discussing ways to build it. These have been open and respectful conversations and will help them develop self-worth.

Joe Aurich, Youth and Missions

## Upcoming Youth Events

- 8th-12th Gr Glow Bowling—Fri, June 9, 10:00-11:30pm at Country Club Lanes
- Young Ladies Bible Study—Dates TBD
- Donuts & Bible Study—  
Wed, June 14, 8:00-8:45am  
Wed, July 26, 9:00-9:45am  
Wed, August 16, 9:00-9:45am
- 8th-12th Gr Swimming & Picnic at Lake Minnetonka Regional Park—Sun, July 16, 5:30-8:00pm
- **6th-12th Gr Summer Bash** at Pastor Hengst's Home—August 12 from 2:00-7:00pm



**At the Women's Salad Supper on May 9, these ladies (80+) were recognized.**

Front: Lorraine, Ellen, Marlene, Eleanor.  
Middle: Audrey, Doris, Dee, Gayle, Audrey, Lois;  
Back Row: the entertainment for the evening,  
We Three Kings, (Renee, Justin and Jeff)



## Call Meeting for OSS Director

The Our Savior School Director position was posted and the Hiring Committee began 12/31/22. They had several phone interviews and called in one candidate for a formal interview, who later withdrew their name.

The Board of Directors then approved to start the process to "Call" a synodically trained candidate 3/21/23. The Hiring Committee became the Call Committee.

The Call Committee met with Sean Martins 4/17/23 from the Minnesota South District Office and got access to the LCMS Database. A big list of qualified candidates was created and two candidates were willing to consider a "call." They spoke to Joni Davis on 5/4/23 and Stephanie Genske on 5/12/23.

The call Committee met to discuss the interviews 5/18/23. Both Candidates are very qualified for the position. A **Call Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, June 11, 2023 at Noon.** More Candidate details will be shared before the Call Meeting and will be available that day.

## Our Savior School

### Enrollment: Current/Summer

- ♦ Kola Infants: 7 / 7
- ♦ Ducky Toddlers: 15 / 14
- ♦ Lamb (3-4 yr olds): 23 / 20
- ♦ Whale (4-5 yr olds): 19 / 22
- ♦ Kindergarten: 8
- ♦ Extended Care (EC): 24 / 38

## SMP Program

I have now completed nine of sixteen quarters of the SMP (Specific Ministry Pastor ) Program for pastoral formation. I was recommended for ordination this past February and congregation voted to call me as Associate pastor on May 21. My Ordination and Installation will take place on **Sunday, August 20 at 3:00pm.**

I will be traveling to Concordia Seminary the last week of June for my tenth class. In early July, I will be completing one of two required Field Studies. My graduation is scheduled to occur in January of 2025. Thank you very much for your continued prayer support and notes of encouragement. They mean a great deal to me.

Vicar Fred Limmel



Julia Heeb graduated from Minnetonka High School and will be attending the University of Iowa for Computer Science.



Caleb Regnier graduated from Chanhassen High School and will be attending the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse for Biology.



Sarah Ryan graduated from Chanhassen High School and will be attending the University of Tampa.



Lily Studenski graduated from Minnetonka High School and will be attending the University of Minnesota Mankato, studying Nutrition



Bennett Tomes graduated from Waconia High School and will be attending the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.



Erin Weber graduated from Westonka High School and will be attending North Dakota State University, to study Business.

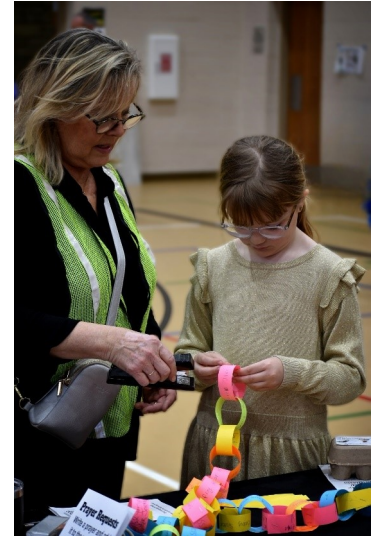


Mary Wolberg graduated from Eden Prairie High School and will be attending South Dakota State University for Nursing.





# The Easter Journey & Egg Hunt 2023







June	
1	A Time for Prayer 12:00pm (Weekly) Online Bible Study 9:00pm (Weekly)
4	Confirmation Service 10:45am Summer Adult Bible Study Begins 9:30am (Weekly)
8	Quilters 9:00am Pickleball 7:00-9:00pm
9	Vicki Beadling Funeral 11:00am <b>8th-12th Gr Glow Bowling 10:00pm</b>
11	<b>Call Meeting for OSS Director 12:00pm</b> <b>Day Camp Volunteer Meeting / Supper 5:30pm</b>
12	Day Camp by Camp Omega Begins Cribbage Challenge 7:00pm
14	<b>8th-12th Gr Guys Donuts &amp; Bible Study 8:00am</b>
15	Pickleball 7:00-9:00pm
16	<b>6th-8th Gr Swimming &amp; Picnic at Lake Minnewashta Park 4:00-7:00pm</b>
17	Prayer Vigil 9:00am
22	<b>8th-12th Gr Young Ladies Bible Study TBD</b>
25	Last Day to Sign up for Twins Tickets

July	
2	<b>Holiday Worship Schedule:</b> 10:00am Worship Only, No Bible Study
4	All Programs and Offices Closed, Holiday
6	A Time for Prayer 12:00pm (Weekly) Pickleball TBD
8	Dulas Wedding
10	Cribbage Challenge 7:00pm
15	Prayer Vigil 9:00am
16	VBS Decorating 9:30am <b>6th-8th Gr Hang Out Time 12:30-2:30pm</b> <b>8th-12th Gr Swimming &amp; Picnic at Lake Minnetonka Park 5:30-8:00pm</b>
17-22	Vacation Bible School: 9:00-11:30am
23	MN Twins vs Chicago White Sox, bus departs at 12:00pm
26	<b>8th-12th Gr Guys Donuts &amp; Bible Study 9:00am</b>

August	
3	A Time for Prayer 12:00pm (Weekly) Pickleball TBD Online Bible Study 9:00pm (Weekly)
10	Quilters 9:00am
12	<b>8th-12th Gr Summer Bash at the Hengst Home 2:00pm</b>
13	<b>Young Adult Send-off Luuch</b>
14	<b>Cribbage Challenge 7:00pm</b>
15	LWML Prayer Service at Our Savior 9:30am
16	<b>8th-12th Gr Guys Donuts &amp; Bible Study 9:00am</b>
19	Prayer Vigil 9:00am
20	<b>Fred Limmel Ordination &amp; Installation 3:00pm</b>
29	<b>1st-6th Gr Parent Conf Meeting 6:15pm</b> <b>7th-8th Gr Parent Student Confirmation Meeting 7:00pm</b> <b>Teacher Meeting 7:45pm</b>

September	
3	<b>Holiday Worship Schedule:</b> 10:00am only, No Bible Study
4	All Programs and Offices Closed, Holiday
5	First Day of School for OSS
7	A Time for Prayer 12:00pm (Weekly) Online Bible Study 9:00pm (Weekly)
9	<b>Women's "Get to Know You" Event 10:00am</b>
10	<b>100th Anniversary Event</b> <b>Single Rally Day Outdoor Worship Service, Potluck and activities 10:00am</b>
11	Monday Bible Study Begins 3:30pm Cribbage Challenge 7:00pm
12	Tuesday Women's Bible Study Begins
15	Friday Men's Bible Study Begins
16	Pickleball 9:00-11:00am LWML Retreat at Camp Omega <b>6th-8th Gr Special Event 1:00pm</b>
17	<b>Youth Sunday</b> <b>1st-8th Gr Confirmation Begins</b>
23	Men's Breakfast Bible Study 8:00am
30	Pickleball 9:00-11:00am