



Vision

All will know and experience God's love.

Mission

To be a welcoming community, rooted in scripture, growing in faith and proclaiming Jesus is the way.

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Welcome Guests

Sunday, January 7, 2024
Baptism of our Lord

- **Restrooms** are located downstairs from the Church Lobby.
- **Handicap access** to the lower level is inside Door #1 or you can exit the front left door of the sanctuary, go through the 1st double doors and left at the next double doors.
- A **Hearing Assist** system is available in the back of church at the Welcome Center.
- **Children's Bulletins** are available for ages 3-6 and 7-12.
- **The Nursery** is available for parents and children. Exit the front left door of the sanctuary (no matter how noisy your children are ... it's OK ... really.) and follow the signs.

Sunday Schedule

- ✦ **8:15am**—Classic Traditions
- ✦ **9:15am**—Fellowship Time
- ✦ **9:30am**—Christian Education
- ✦ **10:45am**—New Song

Live Stream and Cable Options

- ✦ **Church Center app** or <https://oursaviorexcelior.churchcenter.com/channels>
- ✦ **Visit www.oslcs.org** and click on Video Ministry or the Facebook image at the top
- ✦ **10:45am Broadcast on Mediacom Channel 21** on Saturdays & Sundays at 7:00pm

Digital Check-in

We invite everyone to digitally check-in each week, especially if you are watching at home.

CHECK-IN

- ☒ In-person
- ☒ Live streaming
- ☒ Watching later

Pull out your smart phone and check in the entire household (first/last name and email required for each adult).

- ☒ **OSLCS.org**
- ☒ Check in on the **Church Center app**
- ☒ Scan the **QR Code** →



No smart phone or e-mail? Please sign the **registration pad** in the pews.

Christian Education

Preschool through High School—Sunday, 9:30-10:30am: **Pre-K #202 ~ 1st-2nd #201 ~ 3rd-4th #204 ~ 5th #B24 ~ 6th & Parents #207 ~ 7th-8th #B01 ~ 9th-12th Youth Room #B09**

Matthew—Adult Bible Study, Sunday, 9:45-10:30am, Room B06 with Pastor Fred

The Messiah: Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament—Monday, 3:30pm, Conference Room

Heroes of the Faith—Zoom Study, Wednesday, 10:00am with Pastor Fred

Online Bible Study—Facebook or on YouTube, Thursday, 9:00-9:30pm with Pastor Adam

Luke—Men's Study, Friday, 6:15am, Perkins in Chaska with Pastor Holz (stay for breakfast)

30 Virtues that Built a Man—Monthly Saturday Men's Breakfast Bible Study ... watch the calendar

Today's Worship Service

8:15am Classic Traditions (Communion 2nd & last)



“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” **LSB 590**

Invocation

Affirmation of our Baptism

Confession & Absolution

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

Children's Message & Digital Check-in

Reading of God's Word
Genesis 1:1-5
Romans 6:1-11
Mark 1:4-11

“To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord” LSB 407 (Vs. 1, 2, 7)

Message

Offerings

Offertory

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

“All Who Believe and Are Baptized”
LSB 601

Announcements

10:45am New Song (Communion 2nd & last)



Invocation

“Holy Spirit”

Affirmation of our Baptism

Confession & Absolution

“All Who Are Thirsty”

Children's Message & Digital Check-in

Reading of God's Word
Genesis 1:1-5
Romans 6:1-11
Mark 1:4-11

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“Christ in Me”

Announcements

Are You Getting the Weekly E-News?

If you are not getting the Our Savior eNews in your e-mail box on Fridays, please sign up now! Log onto www.oslcs.org and sign up toward the bottom of the page or scan the QR code to get started.



Sunday, January 7

LWML Mites

Drop off your LWML Mite offerings today in the large mite boxes in the back of the church or in the Fellowship Hall. Mite offerings are put toward local and national Mission Grants like ...

Lutheran Braille Workers freely supplies large print and braille materials for blind and visually impaired people around the world. The \$100,000 LWML grant, Fortifying Faith in Those with Vision Impairment, will help in developing, formatting, producing, and distributing fifty to one hundred new Scripture-based and theologically related materials to people in need around the world.

Cookie Sale

Our Savior LWML would like to thank you for supporting the LWML Cookie Sale. The total sale came to \$667. The proceeds have been distributed to mission grants for South Shore Meals on Wheels and Kenya Children Fund (for our sponsored child, Pauline). Also, ten percent of the proceeds will go to the LWML Minnesota South District and National Mission grants. To God be the glory!

January 8-13

Cribbage

Join God's Guys on **Monday, January 8 at 7:00pm** for Cribbage in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Ski Trip

The 8th-12th Grade youth will be taking an overnight ski trip on **January 12-13**. Check your emails for all the details.

January 14-20

Prayer Vigil

You are invited to a monthly Prayer Vigil on the third Saturday of each month. Join us on **Saturday, January 20 from 9:00-10:00am** in the Sanctuary. You are welcome to come and go anytime throughout the Prayer Vigil. Prayer Guides will be available.

Registration is Now Open

Your help is needed at the Harvest Pack Servant event! Please arrive at 1:45pm (Doors #2 or 3) to check-in so we can begin the instructions in the Sanctuary at 2:00pm. We look forward to packing meals for our community with you!

January 14-20



Lend a Hand

Help pack 20,000 nutritious meals for our local food shelves through Harvest Pack

Open to families, youth and adults.
Set-up, measure ingredients, weigh, seal, pack boxes, stack them for distribution, clean-up.

Be one of the 70 volunteers needed!

Saturday, Jan 20 | 1:45 check-in
2:00-4:00pm

Our Savior Lutheran Church & School
Enter Door #2 or 3 for check-in & orientation
A free will offering will be collected the day of the event

 **HARVEST PACK**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



Everyone is invited to a Christian Life Gathering Saturday, January 20, 2024

9:00 - 11:00am

\$5 Registration fee, First Timers Free

Joel Landskroener presenting:

"Why Lutheran Schools are Essential"

Colossians 2:8



Joel is the Executive Director at Mayer Lutheran High School (MLHS)

Gifts from the Heart

♥ \$10 coffee or fast food gift cards for MLHS Staff ♥

Victory Lutheran Church

16200 Berger Drive, Eden Prairie, Minnesota
952-934-0956

Hosted by the Lake Minnetonka LWML Zone



January 14-20

Holy Communion

In the Bible, the Apostle Paul wrote: *Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread, and drink of the cup (1 Cor. 11:28)*. Before attending the Lord's Supper, ask yourself the following questions

- Do I believe that I am sinner, and am sorry for my sins? (Prov. 28:13; Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8-9)
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ by his death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins? (Rom. 5:8; Col. 2:13; Heb. 9:28; 1 John 1:7)
- Do I believe that I receive the body and blood of Christ in and with the bread and wine (not merely symbolically present)? (Mat. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16; 1 Cor. 11:24-25)
- Do I desire to turn from my sinful ways and live a God pleasing life by the power of the Holy Spirit? (Is. 1:16; John 8:11; Rom. 6:12)


If you are unable to answer yes to these questions, please talk to the pastor or an elder before communing, as participating without a proper understanding of Holy Communion can be spiritually harmful (1 Cor. 11:27-29).

If you can answer yes to these questions, then come with a repentant heart and join us in the reception of the Lord's Supper. Adults and children not yet instructed about Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Upcoming Events

Our Savior Gala

Scan the QR code for more details, tickets or to bid at the silent auction



2024
Our Savior Gala
Back to the 50's
Saturday, Feb 10, 5:30pm
in the Our Savior Community Center

Unable to attend? You can bid on silent auction items from anywhere!



Come for an evening of food, friends and fundraising with an online Silent Auction, Dinner, Games and a Live Auction.

Childcare is available with advanced registration

Tickets starting at **\$35**

Proceeds will go toward

- Upgrades for each Our Savior School classroom and future classroom expansion
- The Church organ from 1951 needs to be replaced or updated with new technology
- God's Guys actively supports the young adults with mailings and care packages
- Upcoming youth mission trips and the 2025 National Youth Gathering

January 21-27



SAT JAN 27, 4:30-7:30PM

FREE popcorn! Snacks and drinks available for purchase

YOU ARE INVITED
GAME & MOVIE NIGHT
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY AND ALL AGES

4:30pm Games for all ages Led by the the OSLCS Youth
Cribbage, Ticket to Ride, Settlers of Catan, Chutes and Ladders, Uno ... in the Fellowship Hall

4:30pm "Paw Patrol, the Movie" playing in the Gym. Mats will be out to sit/lay on or bring a blanket and comfy chair!

6:00pm Pizza (or bring your own supper if you prefer)

6:45pm "The Price is Right" for everyone of all ages

FREE WILL OFFERING TO SUPPORT YOUTH GOING TO THE 2025 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Tickets are now available for purchase. Scan the QR code or go to www.OSLCS.org and click on the image and see all the details, including ticket sales, activities for the evening and child care. **Register by January 15 to get an early bird discount!**

We are also seeking donations for the silent and live auctions (individual items or themed baskets). If you wish to donate, please contact Laura.Kimber@oslcs.org

Operation Christmas Child

Clearance Shopping

It is not too early to pick up things for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for 2024. As you see things on sale that will fit in the shoeboxes, pick them up now (and anytime through out the year). Drop them off anytime and put them in the Outreach Box in the Fellowship Hall.

This and That

3000 Acts of Kindness

Here is a little update from the *3000 Acts of Kindness*.

- ♥ The Time to Revive Minnesota team and many volunteers participated in the prayer station, including Mark and Eric Taggatz. It was a powerful event of showing God's love with all and sharing the Gospel with many of the homeless who participated.
- ♥ There were 2,450 people who came.
- ♥ There were 618 volunteers, most of whom are from local churches.
- ♥ We gave away 633 Revive Bibles (English and Spanish). 703 Revive wristbands.
- ♥ Many of the people read through the verses with one of our evangelists and we prayed with many of them.
- ♥ Another local ministry, Dare to Believe, was there praying for the attendees.
- ♥ Many children, teen and adult Bibles as well as Gospel tracts were given away for free. IBG (International Bible Givers) donated many of the Bibles.

We continue to pray for all of the seeds that were sown and for follow-up for discipleship connections.

Jerry Rosamond

Hearing Assist

A reminder that we have a Hearing Assist system available in the Church Lobby. Please sign out the device each week. You would be welcome to leave the device in the Church pew after worship and an usher can put it away.

Household Updates

If your personal information has changed (address, phone numbers, email ...) you can update it in Church Center. If you choose to share your information, you will then have access the directory on the **Church Center app** or go to [https://](https://oursaviorexcelsior.churchcenter.com/)

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If you would like to be included in this online directory, contact Sandy at sandy.blumenschein@OSLCS.org.

If you are not as tech savvy, please share any updated information with Sandy in the church office at 952-474-5181 x242. She can update the information for you. Thanks!

Work Order Form

If you see something that needs **fixing, replacing or replenishing**, scan the code and fill in the form with as much detail as possible.



Work Order Form

Altar Flowers

Sign up to provide **altar flowers** for a special event (birthday or anniversary) or in memory of someone. Sign up on the fellowship Hall bulletin board, near the restrooms

Fellowship

Fellowship hosts are needed. Sign up to host a week in the Fellowship Hall near the drinking fountain. You would be responsible for providing and picking up treats, coffee and clean up. If there is no host, coffee may be the only thing that is served.

A Time for Prayer

Please join us as we pray each Thursday at 12:00pm on Zoom. Log onto <https://zoom.us/join>. Meeting ID: 852 7999 5448 Passcode: 700934. The Link can also be found in Church Center, by finding the event in *Calendar*.

Offering Envelopes

If you received offering envelopes in December, you probably noticed that you received only January and February envelopes. By sending envelopes six times a year (bi-monthly) instead of four times (quarterly), we are able to save a significant amount of cost in postage. So, watch for your next envelopes to arrive in February, April, June, August, October and December. Contact sandy.blumenschein@oslcs.org or 952-474-5181 x242 with questions

Are You a Missionary?

You can be! Our Savior Lutheran Church has a fund to help support members going on mission trips. The money is available to any individual/family going on a mission trip either in the US or internationally. It can be with a group from our church or through/with another Christian organization.

Request forms are available on the Mission Board in the Fellowship. Fill it out and return to the church office or a Mission Committee member. The Mission Committee will distribute funds based on need and other requests received.

This and That

Pickleball

Men, women 18+ and youth 13+ with their parent(s) are invited to play Pickleball on select Saturday mornings from 8:00-11:00am in the Gym. Come and go as you can. Check the calendar for exact dates.

Recovery Support Group

Are you in recovery, or have a family member or loved one who has an addiction to alcohol or drugs? A Hazelden Alumni Support Group meets **every Saturday from 9-10:00am** at Our Savior in the Conference Room. Enter on the west side, Door #12.

Anyone is welcome to come join the group and share in our experience, strength and hope. This group is on-going with no start or stop date. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Sandy Krause.

Budget Update

Weekly offering received: Dec 30

- Total received: \$26,981.97

Fiscal offering year to date: Dec 30

- Total offering received: \$984,247.03
- Total offering budgeted: \$1,088,296.26
- % above or below budget: -9.6%

Attendance

Sun, Dec 31: 117 Livestream: 78+

Prayers

- Guide and direct the leaders of Our Savior; Give the leaders of this state and nation the wisdom and integrity to lead us;
- Grant Your peace and reconciliation to overcome all hatred, conflict, and war;
- Gracious God, please grant us wisdom as we wait on Your timing to provide a Director for Our Savior School and an Organist for the church; Thank you for everyone filling these roles while we wait;
- Protect the youth going skiing later this week.
- Lord, provide willing volunteers for the Harvest Pack event on Saturday, January 20 for the hungry in our community;
- Provide healing to those who are sick and strength to those facing long term illnesses including: Lu Beise, Ken Kuhnly, Darwin & Vangie Krueger, Don Hoekstra, Sarah Pietz, Carol Pumper, Lorraine Johnson (healing and strength after a hospitalization), Rosie Brehein (wisdom & guidance for doctors);
- We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week.

Calendar

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| 7 Worship *8:15am Classic Traditions 9:15am Fellowship 9:30am Pre-6th, 7th-8th Confirmation, 9th-12th and Adult Bible Study 9:30am Praise Team Practice *10:45am New Song 6:30pm 6th-8th Gr Woven Youth 6:30pm 9th-12 Gr Elevate Youth | 8 3:30pm Bible Study: The Messiah 7:00pm Cribbage | 9 5:30pm OSS Meeting 6:00pm Troop 409 Meeting 6:00pm Building Expansion Committee 6:00pm Troop 409 Meeting | 10 5:50pm Joyful Song Youth Choir 6:00pm Music Rehearsal | 11 9:00am Quilters 12:00pm A Time for Prayer 7:00pm Praise Team 9:00pm Online Bible Study | 12 6:15am Men's Bible Study: Luke Perkins, Chaska | 13 8:00-11:00am Pickleball (13+ with parent to adults) 9:00am Recovery Support Group |
| 8th-12th Grade Skiing Friday 5:00pm - Saturday 10:00pm | | | | | | |
| 14 Worship w/ Communion *8:15am Classic Traditions 9:15am Fellowship 9:30am Pre-6th, 7th-8th Confirmation, 9th-12th and Adult Bible Study 9:30am Praise Team Practice *10:45am New Song 6:30pm 6th-8th Gr Woven Youth 6:30pm 9th-12 Gr Elevate Youth | 15 No Kindergarten Extended Care Open 3:30pm Bible Study: The Messiah | 16 5:30pm 100th Anniversary Committee 6:30pm Board of Directors | 17 10:00am Zoom Bible Study 6:00pm Music Rehearsal | 18 12:00pm A Time for Prayer 6:30pm American Heritage Girls 7:00pm Praise Team 9:00pm Online Bible Study | 19 6:15am Men's Bible Study: Luke Perkins, Chaska | 20 8:00-11:00am Pickleball (13+ with parent to adults) 9:00am Prayer Vigil 9:00am Recovery Support Group 9:00am LWML Christian Life Gathering at Victory Luth, Eden Prairie 2:00-4:00pm Harvest Pack Servant Event (20,000 meals) |
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| National Lutheran Schools Week | | | | | | |