



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, March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday**

- **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://oursaviorexcelsior.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

Unshakable—Women's Study, Tuesday, 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall

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 Services

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

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Greeting and Prayer

John 12:12-19

Opening Sentences & Prayer

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
LSB 442

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

Children's Message & Digital Check-in

Reading of God's Word

Zechariah 9:9-12

Choir Anthem—"Hosanna, Hosanna"

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 11:1-11

Apostles' Creed

"The Lamb"

LSB 547 Vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

Message

Offerings

Joyful Sing Anthem—"Here I am Lord"

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

"Lift High the Cross"

#837 Vs. 1, 2, 4, 6

Announcements

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

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Greeting and Prayer

John 12:12-19

Opening Sentences & Prayer

"Hosanna"

Invocation

Confession & Absolution

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

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Benediction

"All I Need"

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.

You can also log onto www.oslcs.org and click on "This Week's Bulletin" to see the [Friday eNews](#), weekly bulletins and quarterly ministry updates. Don't miss out!



Sunday, March 24

Invite someone to church this Easter

83% will come to church because they were invited by a friend or relative.



Invitation cards in the back of church

Saturday, March 30

Travel to Easter with Indoor Obstacle Egg Hunt



Saturday, March 30
9:00-11:30am

ExcelsiorEggHunt.com

A free family event!
Please register for an arrival time!



March 25-29

Maundy Thursday
6:30pm



Good Friday

Readings & Prayer
12:00pm
Service of Darkness
7:30pm



Sunday, March 31 (Easter)

Easter Morning

Sunrise 6:00am
Traditional 8:00am
Blended 9:30am
Contemporary 11:00am



Due to a limited number of volunteers, only the 9:30am Easter service will be livestreamed.

Sunday, March 31 (Easter)

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.

Travel to Easter



Help is Still Needed

We could still use more help at the Community Easter event on Saturday. The "Good News" will be told by the scenes, signs, crafts and the map that each child will receive. **You are the friendly faces we need** as scene characters, craft helpers, handing out stickers and helping with the INDOOR Obstacle Egg hunt.

Register **TODAY** on Church Center or contact Laurie.Bromenshenkel@oslcs.org.

Before Event

- Classroom set up
- Tues, 3/26 1:00pm (Need 3 more)
- Fri 3/29 at 9:00am (Need 2 more)



Church Center Registration

During Event

- Interacting with Guests (Need 8 more)
- Assisting with a Craft (Need 8 more)
- Characters in Costume (Need 13 more)
- Floaters (Need 4 more)
- Indoor Obstacle Egg Hunt (Need 3 more)

After Event

- Clean up (many hands make for light work!)

Please prayerfully consider how you can help!
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April

Greeting Card Fundraiser

Hand made and deep discount Dayspring greeting cards will be available on Sunday, April 7 and 14, between services. Hundreds of Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthday, friendship, thank you and general cards will be priced from \$.50 to \$3 each. Cash or check payable to LWML, please. Funds will be used to benefit The New Freedom Store, The Dwelling Place, and other missions of the LWML to be determined.



April

OMELET BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 7 from 8:30-12:30pm
Community Center (Door #5)

Start your Sunday off right. Pick your favorite ingredients and watch as your omelet is cooked right in front of you!

Hash browns, sausage, cinnamon rolls, fruit and beverages will also be served.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Suggested Donation
\$15 Youth (10+) & Adults
\$6 Kids (9 and under)



No Bible Study, Confirmation or Sunday School
All proceeds will go toward youth attending the 2025 National Youth Gathering

Everyone is invited to the Spring Gathering Saturday, April 13, 2024

(8:45am Registration) 9:00 - 11:00am
\$5 Registration fee (first timers free)

Deb Vinkemeier, former LWML District President, will be leading a Bible Study.
(Bring your Bible along.)

"Cancer Companions"

Gifts from the Heart for Phil's Friends



♥ Cancer Care Package items

Lotion (5 oz, fragrance free), women's fuzzy socks, lip balm, playing cards, puzzle books, toothbrush/toothpaste (5 oz or less), travel tissue packs or gift cards to purchase additional items (Walmart, Target, Dollar Tree, Walgreens)

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Hosted by the LWML
Lake Minnetonka Zone

Mission Support

TreeHouse Plant Sale

TreeHouse is an organization that supports at risk youth. They are grateful of a very consistent, connected, and committed group of teens over the past few months. That consistency has enabled incredible growth in their Tuesday Support Group.



TreeHouse is partnering with Green Earth Growers for their **annual plant sale fundraiser**. Your order will further TreeHouse's mission to end hopelessness among teens in your community. Money raised will fund retreats, camps, and outings for teens.

The sale closes on April 1 and you can pick up your flower order from their Minnetonka location. They have 12" patio plants (\$45), 12" hanging baskets (\$45), Annuals by the flat (\$40-\$50) and herbs by the flat (\$40).

- ◇ Pick up a flyer in the back of church
- ◇ Orders must be made online at **TreeHouse.org/PlantSale**
- ◇ Scan the QR code with your camera



This and That

Attendance

Sun, March 17: 95+103=198 Livestream: 40+18=58+
Wednesday 3/20: 49 + 45 = 94 Livestream: 17+

Budget Update

Weekly offering received: March 9

- Total received: \$41,006.23

Fiscal offering year to date: March 9

- Total offering received: \$234,386.38
- Total offering budgeted: \$215,960.69
- % above or below budget: 8.5%

Highlight

100th Anniversary Highlight: God's Guys

God's Guys, previously known as the Men's Club, is a vital part of discipleship here at Our Savior. God's Guys is open to all adult men. No formal meetings are held but events are held to encourage discipleship, outreach, service, and fellowship.

God's Guys has hosted a simulcast of Promise Keepers, given support to TreeHouse, helped at the Gala, taken a bus load to a Twins Game, run weekly Pickleball, monthly cribbage games, men's breakfast Bible studies, and help out as needed.

Please join us anytime you would like. Watch the bulletins and emails for upcoming events. To get involved contact Gary Schrupp, Roger Martin, Tim Studenski or George Hipp or just show up!

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; Thank you Lord for providing an Organist that will begin in Mid April;
- Dear Lord, we ask you to bless the upcoming Travel to Easter and Obstacle Egg Hunt on March 30; Guide the preparations, provide willing volunteers and bring many families to hear about forgiveness and love through Your death and resurrection;
- 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, Rosie Breheim, Marlene Doheny;
- We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week.

Mission Update

Ruthie Wagner

My next trip to Tanzania is booked for April 1-18! I will continue working with and training the Kerewe translation team.

As this is my third trip to Tanzania and my role there is increasing, I have begun studying Swahili. Please pray for me as I study and prepare training materials for my trip.

Fun facts about Ukerewe Island, where I will be going.

1. It's the sixth largest freshwater lake in the world at approximately 530 square kilometers (205 square miles).
2. It is accessible by ferry from Mwanza, Tanzania.
3. The inhabitants of Ukerewe Island are predominantly from the Kerewe ethnic group and speak the Kerewe language. In 2012, the population of the Kerewe people was 345,147.
4. The economy of Ukerewe Island is primarily based on agriculture and fishing.
5. Due to superstitions and myths surrounding albinism in some East African communities, individuals with this condition have faced discrimination and violence. Ukerewe Island has become a sanctuary for some people with albinism, where they can live with less fear of persecution.



2 days after I get back from Tanzania, I'll be speaking at a LWML Spring Mission Gathering. If you're in the area, I'd love to see you!

Saturday, April 20 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 803 Winona St, Northfield. 8:30–9:15 AM – Registration/Brunch (\$10.00, includes Brunch) 9:30-11:30 – Program and Close.

Calendar

<p>24 Worship *8:15am Classic Traditions 9:15am Fellowship 9:30am Education for all ages 9:30am Praise Team Practice *10:45am New Song 6:00pm 8th Gr Conf. Parent Mtg 6:30pm 6th-8th and 9th-12 Gr Youth</p> <p>31 easter sunday Worship w/ Communion 6:00am Sunrise Service *8:00am Classic Traditions 9:30 am Blended *11:00 am New Song ~NQ Sunday School/Confirmation/Bible Study~ 6:30pm 6th-8th and 9th-12 Gr Youth</p>	<p>25 3:30pm Bible Study: The Messiah 7:00pm Troop 409 PLC Meeting</p>	<p>26 1:00pm Women's Bible Study: Unshakable 6:00pm Trustees</p>	<p>27 10:00am Zoom Bible Study 6:00pm Music Rehearsal</p>	<p>28 9:00am Quilters Circle Maundy Thursday Worship *6:30pm 7:30pm Praise Team</p>	<p>29 6:15am Men's Bible Study Good Friday Worship 12:00pm Readings & Prayer *7:30pm Tenebrae (Service of Darkness)</p> <p>All Church & School Programs Closed—Childcare, Preschool, Kindergarten, Extended Care & Offices</p>	<p>30 9:00am Recovery Support Group 9:00am Travel to Easter with Indoor Obstacle Egg Hunt</p>
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