



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, April 7, 2024
2nd Sunday of Easter**

- **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.



- 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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“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

LSB 474

Invocation

Confession & Absolution

Kyrie

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

Children's Message & Digital Check-in

Reading of God's Word
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Ephesians 5:22-33
Matthew 19:1-12

Nicene Creed

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”
LSB 720 (Vs. 1-3, 5)

Message

Offerings

Confirmation Statement of Faith

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

“Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won
LSB 490

Announcements

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

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Invocation

“Open The Eyes Of My Heart”

Confession & Absolution

“Restore”

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“Everything Glorious”

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!



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Calendar Available

You can pick up an April calendar and the birthdays for the month at the back of Church.

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.



You are also invited to drop off your Mite offerings today for local, national & international missions, such as ... Mental Health Training and Outreach through LCMS Life Ministry.



There is a need and opportunity for Lutheran outreach to people struggling with mental illnesses and disorders. However, it is challenging for pastors, church workers and lay leaders because they do not have enough training to provide effective and appropriate care. LCMS Life Ministry received an LWML Mission Grant of \$96,500 to help meet the cost of developing materials for training church workers as they minister to those suffering from mental illnesses.

Special Music Today

Today we welcome Mayer Lutheran High School's Wind Ensemble under the direction of Mr. Luke Alliger at the 8:15am service. Two of our members, Seth and Johan Aurich, participate in the ensemble.

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

April 8-13

Cribbage

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

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

Two Mayer Lutheran Open Houses

- ◆ High School: Tuesday, April 9, 6:30-8:00pm
- ◆ Middle School: Wednesday, April 10, 6:00-7:00pm

Sunday, April 14

April 21-27

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; I 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.

8th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting

There will be another meeting for 8th Grade Parents on **Sunday, April 14 at 6:00pm**.

April 15-20

New Member Class

There will be a new member class on **Saturday, April 20 from 8:30-12:30pm**. If you are curious about membership or want to become a member, please contact Sancy.Blumenschein@oslcs.org so she can add you to the list!

Prayer Vigil

You are invited to a monthly Prayer Vigil on the third Saturday of each month. Join us on **Saturday, April 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.

Youth Event

The 6th-12th grade youth will have a Glow Bowling event on Saturday, **April 20 from 10:00pm to Midnight**. Meet at Country Club Lanes, 5601 Manitou Rd, Excelsior. The cost \$10 per person, including shoes with unlimited bowling.

Mission Guest Speaker

We are welcoming a special guest on **Sunday, April 21**. Brooke Pernice, Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) Director of Outreach, will be here to speak briefly about the ministry at each service and will be sharing even more about LBW's mission, goals and what resources are available for the blind/visually impaired.

Be sure to join us from 9:30-10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. The Matthew Bible Study will take a break and resume the following week.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

God's Guys (all men) are invited to attend the stand alone Breakfast Bible Studies on **Saturday, April 27** from 8:00-9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Adam and Roger Martin will be leading a study based on the book called "Thirty Virtues that Built a Man."

Committee News

Building Expansion Committee

The Building Committee has convened regularly for over a year now. There have been countless meetings reviewing and organizing our congregational wants and needs. All based on the last survey results. Then the committee formulated those wants and needs into a search for the right firm to help us in the next step. That step is to get a variety of different building expansion plans for our church.

We are blessed with a very strong committee that has detailed experience in all aspects of city requirements, architectural planning, actual construction experience, and communication skills. So we have used those skills and are poised to interview three perspective architectural firms next week. From there, the building committee will choose the best firm that will help us develop and propose different building projects for our church.

Though we have been communicating as a group, the building committee has not had any information to share with the congregation up to this point. Not because of a lack of effort. But because there have been no decisions on any type of building change or money exchanges to speak of.

There will be plenty of time to still discuss wants and needs. The chosen architectural firm will help us in that process as well as an updated time line.

For individual questions, reach out to one of the committee: Brian Grandstrand, Chairman, Josh Hoyord, Alyson Fauske, Gregg Hove, Steve Pettit, Jared Breiter, Tim Studenski, Janet Renner, Grant Wurdell, Brian Krause, Tim Magnusson, Jeff Machemehl, Jim Machemehl.

Thank You!



Community Easter Event

Thanks to everyone who came to the 2024 Travel to Easter and Indoor Obstacle Egg Hunt. The Easter story was shared with about **170 kids and about the same number of parents/grandparents**. The kids made crafts to help them remember the Easter story. And of course, there were eggs!

Check out the pink paper in the Fellowship Hall. Many of our guests and volunteers signed it! The Sun Sailer was once again here for our event and shared some pics in last week's paper.

Volunteers

Thanks for the 70 volunteers who helped, before, during and after! (Not everyone is pictured above.) Wow. We had an amazing crew who were essential in pulling off this wonderful event for our community!

Multiplying Easter Eggs

If your kids were at the hunt, and you don't want the empty eggs laying around your house, we will take them off your hands. You are welcome to put them together and return them to church office.



100th Anniversary Events

Save the Date

On **Sunday, June 16** we will be having a special 100th Anniversary celebration service followed by a catered meal at the Chaska Event Center. More details are to come!



100th Anniversary Event

Sunday, May 5

Single 10:00am Worship Service followed by a Salad* Luncheon in the Community Center

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*Please Bring a Salad to Share

Ice Cream will be Served for Dessert

A Mite offering will be taken for 2024-2025 Mission Grants.







Entertainment by "We Three Kings"

singing a variety of music in three part harmony

Jeff & Renee King love to share how God allowed their son, Justin, who is blind and developmentally disabled, to be a part their lives.



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;
- God, please grant us wisdom as we wait on Your timing to provide a Director for Our Savior School;
- Give comfort and peace to David Gesko and his family at the passing of his father on Wednesday;
- Give comfort and peace to Craig Jerde and his family at the passing of his father on Thursday;
- 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.

Budget Update

Weekly offering received: March 30

- Total received: \$10,890.82

Fiscal offering year to date: March 30

- Total offering received: \$272,735.03
- Total offering budgeted: \$279,423.53
- % above or below budget: -2.4%

Attendance

Maundy Thursday: 106 Livestream: 47+
 Good Friday: 41/146 Livestream: 37+/62+
 Easter: 30/132/137/55 Livestream: 95+

Mission Updates

- **ICA Food Shelf**—Food insecurity continues to be an issue as ICA has witnessed a 30% increase in food shelf visits since 2022. Why? SNAP emergency benefits came to an end. For a family of 4, they suddenly found themselves facing a reduction of \$360 per month. Increased Social Security benefits inadvertently shifted many seniors into higher income brackets, reducing their SNAP benefits. Those over age 60 are now seeking food assistance. Eligibility for Medicaid was reinstated and suddenly individuals found themselves without health coverage.
- **Voice of the Martyrs**—While most Cubans are atheists and follow superstitious and spiritist practices, many Christians in Cuba are hungry to get Bibles. Many lives have been transformed through encounters with God’s Word.
- **Lutheran Bible Translators**—Technology is essential for those translating the Bible, equipping them to work more efficiently and effectively, and allows for easier collaboration. Laptops, built in batteries and phones have become essential tools in building momentum, helping translators get projects up and running quickly, while improving the quality of translation and Scripture engagement materials.
- **Trinity First Lutheran School**—Trinity helps families experience growth and hope in Jesus. Two 7th graders will be baptized soon; Two 8th graders will soon be confirmed; 30% of students are receiving special one-on-one services; 37 students meet with a school counselor to create plans that are helping them with school and life find success and hope; Six Spanish speaking families received Bibles with extended teaching notes so their faith will flourish.

Calendar

<p>7 🍳 Omelet Breakfast 🍷 Worship *8:15am Classic Traditions NO Fellowship <i>~NQ Sunday School/Confirmation/Bible Study~</i> 9:30am Praise Team Practice *10:45am New Song 6:30pm 6th-8th Gr Woven 6:30pm 9th-12 Gr Elevate Youth</p>	<p>8 Extended Care Open 3:30pm Bible Study: The Messiah 7:00pm Cribbage</p>	<p>9 1:00pm Women's Bible Study: Unshakable 6:00pm Troop 409 Meeting 6:00pm Building Expansion Committee</p>	<p>10 10:00am Zoom Bible Study 6:00pm Music Rehearsal</p>	<p>11 9:00am Quilters 12:00pm A Time for Prayer 7:00pm Praise Team</p>	<p>12 6:15am Men's Bible Study: Luke Perkins, Chaska</p>	<p>13 9:00am LWML Spring Gathering at Our Savior 9:00am Troop 409 Advancement Day 9:00am Recovery Support Group</p>
<p>14 Worship w/ Communion *8:15am Classic Traditions 9:15am Fellowship 9:30am Education for all ages 9:30am Praise Team Practice *10:45am New Song 1:00pm Sanctuary Rental 6:00pm 8th Gr Confirmation Parent Meeting 6:30pm 6th-8th Gr Woven 6:30pm 9th-12 Gr Elevate Youth</p>	<p>15 3:30pm Bible Study: The Messiah</p>	<p>16 1:00pm Women's Bible Study: Unshakable 5:30pm 100th Anniversary Committee 6:30pm Board of Directors Meeting</p>	<p>17 10:00am Zoom Bible Study 6:00pm Music Rehearsal</p>	<p>18 12:00pm A Time for Prayer 6:00pm Childcare Advisory Committee 6:30pm American Heritage Girls 7:00pm Praise Team</p>	<p>19 6:15am Men's Bible Study: Luke Perkins, Chaska</p>	<p>20 8:00-11:00am Pickleball (13+ with parent to adults) 8:30-12:30pm New Member Class (Conference Room) 9:00-10:00am Prayer Vigil 9:00am Recovery Support Group (Room B01) 6th-12th Grade Glow Bowling 10:00pm</p>