



Quarterly Ministry Update

Summer 2025



God at Work Among Us

We are truly blessed to be called children of God—and even more so to be part of a loving community of believers here at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School. Over the past few months, we have seen the hand of God moving among us, working through our worship, our service, and our fellowship. As we grow together in faith, love, and mission, we give thanks for all He has done—and all He continues to do.

Celebrating What God Has Done—God has been active in powerful ways in our congregation. Here are just a few highlights from recent months:

- ◆ **Worship Attendance:** Since January, we've averaged 198 people in weekly worship.
- ◆ **Confirmation:** On April 27, four young men and women confirmed their faith in Christ.
- ◆ **Our Savior Gala:** We gathered in joyful fellowship and raised support for our ministry.
- ◆ **An Easter Experience:** Over 600 children and 700 adults joined us to celebrate the hope of Easter.
- ◆ **Our Savior School:** We are now fully staffed—praise God!
- ◆ **Harvest Pack:** We prepared 12,500 meals for people in need.
- ◆ **Spiritual Growth:** God continues to strengthen our faith and deepen our love for one another.

Looking Ahead to Opportunities for Growth—As we move into the summer season, we are excited about the opportunities God is providing for us to grow and serve:

- ◇ **Summer Worship:** We're excited to worship together with the beautiful sounds of our new organ.
- ◇ **Weekly Communion:** Starting June 8, we will begin serving Holy Communion every Sunday.
- ◇ **Summer Day Camp:** July 7–11, A time of learning, fun, and faith-building for our children.
- ◇ **National Youth Gathering:** July 21–26, please pray for our youth as they take part in this life-changing event.
- ◇ **Vacation Bible School (VBS):** July 28–31, Sharing God's love with kids from our church and community.
- ◇ **Online Outreach:** Continued development of our website and social media to reach more people.
- ◇ **Community Outreach:** Watch for opportunities to love and serve our neighbors in Christ's name.

Thanks Be to God—We give thanks and praise to God for His work in and through this church. As we walk forward in faith together, may we continue to seek His guidance, rely on His power, and rest in His presence.

In Christ, Pastor Adam

Sunday School

Sunday School continued their bible lessons for preschool through 2nd grade and catechism lessons for the 3rd - 4th grade students. They had the opportunity to sing in church for Palm Sunday and did a great job! Classes concluded for the summer on May 18.

Please help our programming by taking a short survey.



Our Savior Gala

On March 15, we held a successful Our Savior Fundraising Gala! We had over 110 attendees and raised \$25,000 for our ministries. Hazelwood was our dinner partner and we enjoyed a delicious meal, dessert dash, games and a live auction. Thank you to all who volunteered, bid on items, and joined us for this fun evening.

An Easter Experience

Registrations trickled in and then doubled from Friday morning to the afternoon event. That was totally unexpected. At one point when trying to check in guests, only about half had registered! Praise God for everyone who came!

- ◆ 574+ kids registered (We had 200 kids last year)
- ◆ 614+ adults registered (A few adults came without children)
- ◆ 240 pansies were planted
- ◆ 367 Easter books were given away
- ◆ 230 crafts were done
- ◆ 650 treats were served

We had a fabulous crew of volunteers! We could not have done it without you. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

- ♥ 8 for set up Friday
- ♥ 52 during and after the event

Organ Update

The new organ will hopefully be completely installed by later June. As a congregation we thank Andy Bowyer, the Board of Trustees and several other people who have all contributed to this successful transition. We look forward to dedicating/blessing this new instrument on September 14.

Staff Appreciation Dinner

The Board of Directors hosted a Staff Appreciation Dinner on May 20. Staff anniversaries were recognized: Tammy Limmel 35 Years; Renae Hoernemann 10 Years; Sandy Blumenschein 5 years; Jenn Nordick 5 years; Allie Terpstra 2 years.



April 19, 2025



From a participant ... *The Easter event was absolutely amazing—the activities and the volunteers could not have done more to make young children feel more welcomed. We loved it!*





Summer Worship

Summer Worship times continue to be 8:15am and 10:45am, with a few exceptions:

- June 1—8:30am Congregational Meeting, 10:00am Worship and Potluck
- July 6—4th of July weekend, 10:00am only
- August 31—Labor Day weekend, 10:00am only

See you on Sunday or worship online if you are out of town!! Watch live or later at www.oslcs.org, YouTube or on the Church Center app.

Summer Bible Study

While most of our Bible Study groups take a break for the summer, plan to attend the Summer Bible Study meeting in the conference Room from 9:30-10:30am beginning June 8. Each week is a stand alone study led by a variety of leaders including Pastor Adam and Pastor Fred, so come whenever you can!

There is no Bible Study June 1, July 6 and August 31.

GriefShare Returns

We are blessed to host another GriefShare session beginning **Sunday, August 17 from 1:00-3:00pm**. GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where individuals can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one in a Christ-centered environment. The group is open to members and the community. Feel free to spread the word if you know someone who would benefit from this group!

A Time for Prayer Continues

Our Savior continues to be blessed by a group of faithful prayer warriors who meet every Thursday at Noon. We use Zoom for our meeting so that whether you are at the cabin or at home, you can join us for prayer. We are always looking for new people to join. If you would be interested in praying with this group to pray over specific ministries of this congregation, contact Pastor Fred for the link.

Schedule Your Family Photo Today!

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

Tues-Fri, June 24-27, 2:00-8:30pm
Sat, June 25 10:00-4:00pm

- ◆ Sign up for your professional photography session Sunday mornings.
- ◆ Schedule your appointment online (Mon-Fri) at schedule.ucdir.com
Church Code: MN563
Password: photos

Schedule NOW to secure your preferred time.

- ◆ Everyone who is photographed will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- ◆ Enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give away.

For those not available for pictures in June, we are gathering names as we determine next steps.

- ◆ You can submit a photo.
- ◆ If we get enough people (20+ families), we can add another date at a different time.
- ◆ We are also looking into what other churches you could go to for pictures.

Summer Blood Drives

Our Savior will be hosting two summer blood drives to help the American Red Cross, who experiences a lower blood supply during the summer months.

- ♥ **Sat, June 28** in the Community Center (presenting donors will receive \$15 amazon.com e-gift card)
- ♥ **Wed, August 6** in the Fellowship Hall (They will provide A1C testing on all successful donations)



Matt and I had a great time praying with families and sharing the Gospel at the Easter Experience. The Evangecube was a hit. After sharing the Gospel with a girl (with the Evangecube) she said, "I have never heard that before." I then shared with her that she can talk to God and ask Jesus into her life and ask him for forgiveness. She was so open and ready to trust in Jesus. Her mom was there and said she grew up in England. When I asked, "Who is Jesus to you?" She said "He's a figure in Christianity, but I don't believe in Him." She heard the Gospel, too. 😊

We gave away lots of children's and some youth bibles and gospel tracts. *Encountering the Eternal Guru* books were given to some, including guests from India.

One catholic couple said they drove a long way to come because they wanted an event that was more than an egg hunt that had spiritual component about the real meaning of Easter.

Jerry Rosamond

Summer Day Camp

We have **95 elementary aged students** planning to attend our Summer Day Camp with Camp Omega counselors the week of July 7. We are excited to welcome so many guests from our community to share a week of faith building, fun games, crafts and sharing the love of Jesus.

We could use **MORE** volunteers to make this week a success. If you are interested in serving, please take a look at the opportunities listed in Church Center.

Jungle Journey VBS

We are also hosting a fun half day Jungle Journey Vacation Bible School on July 28-31! This week already has nearly **150 registered preschool and elementary students!** We are excited to have our programming grow so much over the past few years. It is amazing to get to share Jesus with our community. We will embark on a jungle cruise adventure exploring the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in just 4 short days!

2025 KID'S BIBLE CAMPS

Summer Day Camp - \$50
July 7-11
 Mon-Thurs 9-3pm, Fri 9-12pm
 1st-6th Graders
 Led by Camp Omega Counselors

Vacation Bible School - Free
July 28-31
 Mon-Thurs 9:00-11:30am
 Age 3-5th Grade

Our Savior Lutheran Church
 23290 Highway 7, Excelsior, MN 55331
www.oslcs.org to register. Questions? laura.kimber@oslcs.org

Most of the kids registered are going to one camp or the other. Only about 40 kids are attending both.

YOU can lead a group of children to the various stations so they can hear about the love of Christ. Check out the bulletin for all the volunteer choices.

If you are interested in helping for one or both, please sign up with the QR codes or contact Laura Kimber.

High School Graduates



Cole Drill will be attending University of Wisconsin, River Falls for Environmental Engineering. He will also be playing football.



Connor Regnier will be going to Minnesota State University - Mankato to study Mechanical Engineering. He will also be playing football.



Seth Aurich will be Attending Concordia University, Nebraska.



Cooper Gunhus plans to attend Florida State University and to study Jazz Piano and Economics.



Caleb Hoyord will be attending Michigan Tech studying Mechanical Engineering.

Congratulations to the other HS graduates who did not submit their photo.





June	
1	8:30am Congregational Meeting 10:00am Worship & Potluck to follow LWML Card Sale
3	Outdoor Pickleball begins (every Tuesday through August) at Victoria Rec Center 6:30-8:30pm
4	Arise Young Adult Dinner & Bible Study 7:00pm
5	A Time for Prayer 12:00pm (Weekly)
8	Summer Adult Bible Study Begins 9:30am (Weekly) Sunday School Teacher Meeting 9:30am
9	Cribbage 7:00pm
12	Quilters 9:00am
18	Boy's Bible Study & Girl's Bible Study 6:30pm
21	Men's Breakfast Bible Study 8:00am
25	6th-8th Gr Woven Bonfire 8:00pm
26	9th-12th Gr Elevate Bonfire 8:00pm
24-27	Picture Directory Photos 2:00-8:30pm
28	Picture Directory Photos 10:00-4:00pm Blood Drive 10:00-4:00pm

July	
4	All Programs and Offices Closed, Holiday
6	Holiday Worship Schedule: 10:00am Worship Only, No Bible Study Summer Day Camp Tent Set-up (TBD) Summer Day Camp Decorating 4:00pm Summer Day Camp Supper 5:30pm & Meeting 6:00pm
7-11	Summer Day Camp 9:00am
9	Boy's Bible Study & Girl's Bible Study 6:30pm
TBD	Summer Day Camp Program
14	Cribbage 7:00pm
17-24	Youth Gathering
19	Men's Breakfast Bible Study 8:00am
24	Quilters 9:00am
25	VBS Set-up 10:00am
27	VBS Preview Night and Open House 6:00-7:00pm
28-31	Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:30am
30	Youth Weed & Feed 7:30am

August	
6	Blood Drive 10:00-4:00pm Boy's Bible Study & Girl's Bible Study 6:30pm
TBD	Young Adult Send-off Lunch
11	Cribbage 7:00pm
14	Quilters 9:00am
17	GriefShare begins 1:00-3:00pm
23	Men's Day (games, pickleball tournament and more) 9:00am & Cookout 12:00pm
24	Youth End of Summer Bash 3:00pm
31	Holiday Worship Schedule: 10:00am Worship Only, No Bible Study
TBD	7th-8th Gr Parent/Student Conf Meeting Teacher Meeting

September	
1	All Programs and Offices Closed, Holiday
2	First Day of School for OSS Tuesday Women's Bible Study Begins
5	A Time for Prayer 12:00pm (Weekly)
6	Pickleball returns to Saturday Mornings 8:00-11:00am Community Center Set-up 11:00am
7	Single 10:00am Outdoor Rally Day Service (Parking Lot) & Potluck Lunch (Community Center) 6th-8th Grade Woven and 9th-12th Grade Elevate Begin 6:30pm
8	Monday Bible Study Begins 3:30pm Cribbage 7:00pm
13	Friday Men's Bible Study Begins
14	Organ Dedication 8:15am
15	Sunday School 1st-8th Gr Confirmation, Youth and Adult Bible Study Begin
24	Wednesday Zoom Bible Study Begins
28	Men's Breakfast Bible Study 8:00am