



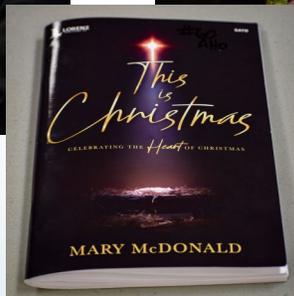
Quarterly Ministry Update



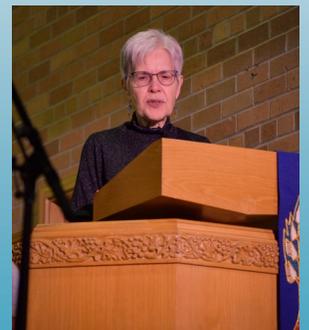
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Spring 2026



The Christmas Cantata was presented on December 3, 2025



From Pastor Adam

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue into the New Year, we have a wonderful opportunity to come together around God and His Word in worship, fellowship, and our capital campaign.

In worship, we are entering the holiest time of the year as we prepare for the seasons of Lent and Easter. Lent is a season of repentance, fasting, and meditation, as we reflect on the work of Jesus on the cross for the saving of our souls and the redemption of our lives from death. Easter is the glorious celebration of the resurrection and the new life we have in Christ.

I warmly invite you to join us for worship during this sacred season:

- Wednesday Lenten Services—4:30pm & 6:30pm
- Sunday Mornings—8:15am & 10:45am
- Maundy Thursday—6:30pm
- Good Friday—12:00pm & 7:30pm
- Easter Sunday—6:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, & 11:00am

This is also a meaningful time for fellowship. I encourage you to participate in the many opportunities available:

- Growth Groups
- Sunday Morning Fellowship

Finally, this is a season for us to come together in faith as we seek to raise funds for our capital campaign. My prayer is that you will join us in seeking God's guidance in how we give and support the work of the church. Key dates include:

- Vision Awareness Sunday—April 12, 10:00am
Worship followed by a Vision Awareness Gathering in the Community Center
- Ministry Celebration—April 19
- Children & Youth Sunday—April 26
- Commitment Service—May 3
- First Fruits Service—May 17

I pray that during this season you are richly blessed by God and that you grow in faith through worship, fellowship, and our shared commitment to His work.

In Christ,
Pastor Adam



Community Easter Event

The Easter Journey & Egg Hunt is the annual event we host for our church and community on **Saturday, April 4 from 1:00-3:00pm**. This year we anticipate around 800 kids and their families. Outside there will be three egg hunt times on the hill. In the small parking lot they will learn about the last week of Jesus's life from Palm Sunday to Easter. Inside they will get a Holy Week passport and gather items that will remind them of Jesus' last days.

Volunteers will be needed! Registration will be available soon. **Save the date and watch for volunteer registration** in Church Center. We hope you can help share the Good News of Jesus through this wonderful event! Be in the look out for a Volunteer registration form on Church Center.

- Outside (egg hunt, directing traffic, characters for the Last Supper, greeters, ...)
- Inside (Greeters, interacting with guests as they collect the items of holy week, the craft table ...)
- Set-up Friday inside, Set-up Saturday outside, Event volunteers and then everything has to be cleaned up and put away after the event.

Questions? Laurie.Bromenshenkel@oslcs.org

**The Easter Journey
& Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 4 from 1:00-3:00pm

Outside see Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Easter.

Inside gather items for your Holy Week passport.

Register for an outdoor egg hunt, too.

Scan the QR to Register

Hosted by Our Savior Lutheran Church & School
23290 Highway 7, Excelsior
(Between Hwy 41 and County Rd 19)
<https://oursaviorexcelior.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3460634>



We came together as a congregation to pack meals for our local food shelves through **Harvest Pack** on Wednesday, January 28 and packed more than 21,000 meals. What an incredible night serving side by side. Thank you to everyone who participated and to those who continue to support opportunities like these.



Youth Fundraisers

OMELET BRUNCH

Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, March 8, 10:30-1:00 pm
Community Center (Door #5)

Join us for a made-to-order omelet brunch!
Pick your favorite fillings and watch your omelet cooked fresh on the spot.

We'll also be serving hash browns, fruit, chicken wild rice soup and beverages.

Suggested Donation **\$15 Youth (10+) & Adults**
 \$7 Kids (9 and under)



All proceeds will go toward youth trips and events

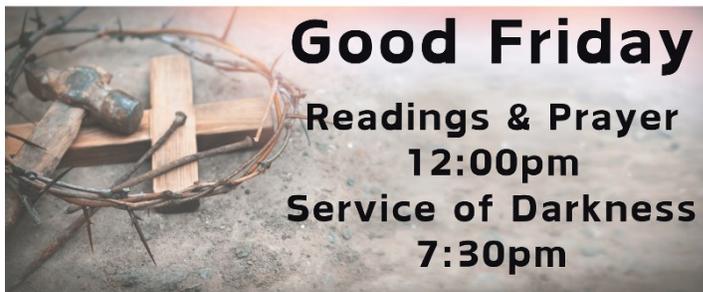
Holy Week & Easter—April 2-5

Maundy Thursday
6:30pm



Good Friday

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



Easter Morning

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



Easter Breakfast

There will be an Easter Breakfast following the 6:30am Easter sunrise service until 8:00am. If you would like to participate, contact Tim Studenski (or call the church office at 952-474-5181 for his contact information).

Blood Drive

Our Savior will host a Blood Drive on **Saturday, March 28 from 9:00-3:00pm**. www.Redcrossblood.org and search for OurSaviorExc to schedule an appointment to donate blood.

New Member Class

There will be a new member class on **Saturday, April 25 from 8:30-12:30pm**. If you have been attending and would be interested in becoming a member, contact sandy.blumenschein@oslcs.org.

Women's Salad Luncheon

Save the date for the annual Salad Luncheon on **Saturday, May 2 at Noon**. Bring a salad to feed 10-12 people. You are encouraged to invite a friend, too. Entertainment is still in the works.

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Spring

SCRAPBOOKING FUNDRAISER

9:00 AM | APR 11 | \$65
9:00 PM | 2026 | PER TABLE

Spend the day without interruptions working on your projects! Registration Includes help hauling your supplies, workspace, meals and snacks

Proceeds benefit Our Savior youth going on a mission trip.

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Parents Night Out

February 6, 2026



25 kids came to hang out with our youth so their parents could enjoy a couple of hours to do other things!



The Early Childhood Center

School Enrollment

- ◇ Infants: 8
- ◇ Toddlers: 15
- ◇ Preschool (3 Year Olds): 14
- ◇ Preschool (4 Year Olds): 17
- ◇ Kick Start Kindergarten: 9

Staffing

We are fully staffed at this time with 9 Teachers; 5 Aides; 1 Director; 1 Office Manager

Events

- ◆ Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing party on November 19
- ◆ Christmas Program on December 17
- ◆ A field trip to Stages Theater in January to see "Giraffes Can't Dance"
- ◆ National Lutheran Schools Week activities ⇨

National Lutheran Schools Week
January 25th-30th

SUNDAY
Sing at Church
Sunday, January 25th @ 10:45
Sit together as a family for the 10:45 church service and the kids will get called to sing. Families are invited to Fellowship hour from 9:45-10:45 in Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY
Classroom Color Day
Wear your classrooms assigned colors. We'll take an all school picture!
Koala - Purple
Ducky - Orange
Lamb - Blue
Whale - Red
Frogs - Green

MONDAY
Sports Day
Wear your sports day gear! What's your favorite team?

THURSDAY
Beach Day
Wear your beach hat, sunglasses, beach shirt....

TUESDAY
Western Day
Dust off your boots, hats, plaid, and bandanas!

FRIDAY
Pajama Day
Wear your pajamas or comfy clothes!



Youth Mission Trip 2026

This summer, 10 youth (8-12 graders) and 2 adults will travel to Rapid City, South Dakota, from July 18-25 working alongside Crossview Lutheran Church in Edina and other churches in the Midwest. Our mission work could include fixing items in people's homes or for the church, running a VBS, helping at food shelves or engaging in other personal service projects. There are many needs. We will be there to assist Youth-Works in whatever area needs us.

We are excited to go west and can't wait to see how God uses us this summer to impact His church. Please pray for us as we plan and raise funds. If you'd like to contribute to this mission trip, you can use any of the methods listed in the weekly bulletin. Just include a memo indicating it's for the youth mission trip.

Care Ministry

The spiritual care of our congregation is a team effort. Pastor Adam, Pastor Fred, Joe, the Elders, and a variety of members work together to provide spiritual care to members and the community. Caring for one another during a challenging time of sickness, significant loss, or an important life change could be one way the Holy Spirit may be calling you to serve. Watch for opportunities to use your gifts to serve.

We continue to be blessed with faithful prayer warriors who lift up concerns as they are communicated through the prayer chain. Members are encouraged to email their prayer requests to Pastor Fred. In addition, plan to join Pastor Fred at 11:00am on Thursdays for "A Time for Prayer" via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join us on Zoom as we pray specifically for the ministries of this church and its members. We conclude at Noon.

GriefShare is also meeting at this time on Sunday afternoons under the awesome leadership of Lori Kroll. This ministry of care and encouragement is for those traveling through a season of grief and loss. If you would like more information concerning GriefShare, please use the following link: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/257996>

Discipleship

The new year began with two new Sunday morning studies in God's Word: the Men's Bible Study, "Sharing Jesus without Fear," and Pastor Fred's class has been studying the Nicene Creed using a book titled "Worshiped and Glorified" by Pastor Timothy Winterstein. Beginning March 15, Pastor Adam will teach adults on Sunday morning on a topic yet to be determined. Adult Bible Studies will continue through the week of May 17.

The Women's Bible Study resumed March 3 with more "Equipping Saints to Serve," Bible studies at 1:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. Elaine Taggatz serves as the facilitator for these stand alone studies.

Pastor Adam continues his Thursday evening Bible Study on Facebook. His current Bible Study series is titled, "*When Scriptures Meet the Headlines.*" Each study examines how God's Word informs us on the topics prevalent in our society today. These studies premiere on Facebook at 9:30pm and are available on our website under Bible Studies. Check it out.

Pastor Fred continues his Zoom Study on Wednesdays at 10:00am. Ask him for the link if you would like to participate. The current study is "Promises". They studied the promises of God found in the Old Testament and how they are fully realized in Jesus Christ, our Lord. They are currently studying the promises Jesus made in His Holy Supper. As of April 8, we will be studying the Promise of Life. If you have Wednesday mornings free, plan to join.

Attention Please

After having a Vulnerability Assessment done by Kingswood Security Consulting (Nov 2025), one of the many recommendations is to have attendance records for all events. Our Savior is beginning to implement this process and is asking that all participants sign in for all events happening in the building. Please include all leaders, teachers, students, guests and participants. Look for a clipboards in many of the commonly used meetings rooms, class rooms and the Fellowship Hall. Regular groups will be getting sign in sheets, too.

There are also Injury and Incident Reports in the back of the clipboards. If something happens, we want to know about it! Fill out a report and give it to a Ministry Leader or Staff member as soon as possible.

Children & Youth News

It's been a full and fun stretch in youth ministry!

On MLK Day, our students worked together on an escape room. There were lots of laughs, great teamwork, and more than a few moments of creative thinking. On February 18, our youth also hosted the Ash Wednesday Lenten Meal. They helped prep, serve, and clean, and it was awesome to see them serving our church family.

Our Super Bowl Snacks Fundraiser was another big success, and we are so grateful. Your generosity helps make outings and mission trips possible for our students.

In our weekly youth gatherings, Elevate (9th–12th Gr) has been walking through the Epistle to the Galatians, talking about the freedom we have because of Jesus. In March, we'll begin the Epistle to the Ephesians and focus on who we are in Christ and how we live that out together. Woven (6th–8th Gr) continues to dig into topics chosen by the youth themselves, many of which are connected to real-life issues they face each day. Their honesty and willingness to talk about faith have been encouraging to see.

Sunday School and Confirmation classes are also in full swing. Each week, students are digging into Scripture, asking questions, and growing in their understanding of what it means to live as baptized children of God.

Looking ahead, March brings a couple of great opportunities to connect. Everyone is invited to the Omelet Brunch Fundraiser on March 8 from 10:30-1:00pm. Come hungry, enjoy good food, and spend time together while supporting youth ministry.

On March 15 from 12:30-4:00pm, students will head to Tactical Urban Combat for an afternoon packed with action and fun.

Thank you for cheering on our young people, praying for them, and helping make Our Savior a place where they can grow in faith and friendship. It truly matters.



March	
4	Lenten Worship 4:30pm and 6:30pm Lenten Dinner 5:15pm (Host: Bloom Growth Group)
7	Prayer Service, hosted by the LWML, Open to all, Victory Lutheran in Eden Prairie 9:00am Change clocks before going to bed ... Spring Ahead
8	Capital Campaign Leadership Team Introduction Omelet Brunch Fundraiser 10:30-1:00pm
9	Cribbage 6:30pm
11	Lenten Worship 4:30pm and 6:30pm Lenten Dinner 5:15pm (Host: AHG)
14	<u>Shorter</u> Pickleball Session 8:00-10:00am Our Savior School Gym Day 10:30am
18	Lenten Worship 4:30pm and 6:30pm Lenten Dinner 5:15pm (Host: Women's Ministry)
25	Lenten Worship 4:30pm and 6:30pm Lenten Dinner 5:15pm (Host: Choir & Chimes)
28	Blood Drive 9:00-3:00pm
29	Palm Sunday 8:15 & 10:45am

April	
2	Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30pm
3	Good Friday Worship Readings and Prayer 12:00pm Service of Darkness 7:30pm
4	The Easter Journey & Egg Hunt 1:00-3:00pm
5	Easter Sunrise Worship 6:00am Resurrection Celebration 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am
11	Community Scrapbooking Event (Youth Fundraiser) 9:00-9:00pm LWML Spring Gathering at Our Savior 9:00am
12	Vision Awareness Sunday, 10:00am Worship - Vision Awareness Gathering & Meal to follow in the Community Center
13	Cribbage 7:00pm
18	Prayer Vigil 7:00am-7:00pm
19	Ministry Celebration
25	New Member Class 8:30am
26	Children & Youth Sunday 8th Grade Confirmation 8:15am

May	
2	Women's Salad Luncheon (Hosted by the Women's Ministry) 12:00pm
3	Commitment Service
6	National Day of Prayer
10	Mother's Day
11	Cribbage 7:00pm
17	First Fruits Service Volunteer Appreciation
20	Early Childhood Center Spring Program
24	Single Holiday Worship Service 10:00am
31	Congregational Meeting 8:30am 10:00am Single Worship Service , Potluck lunch to follow

June	
22-26	Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:30am
18-20	LWML MNS Convention, Mankato

July	
5	Single Holiday Worship Service 10:00am
19-26	Youth Mission Trip

August	
3-6	Fieldtrip Eruption Week

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