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WORSHIP TIMES: Wednesday at 6:00 pm Sunday at 9:30 am

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Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

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All Music is licensed by CCLl#511495 CVLI license and Screenvue Vaults Dear friends in Christ,

As we welcome the month of April in Minnesota, we eagerly anticipate the signs of new life that will soon emerge. We watch for the first blades of grass to peak through the brown yards. We start clearing the dead leaves that have gathered in our garden beds and pray for sightings of the tulip stems as they begin to push through the dirt. Just as the earth prepares for spring, we too are preparing for the next season in our faith community as we "come and see" what is in store for this next chapter of faith together!

The Bible is rich with examples of God's transformative power when individuals "come and see." Whether it be the Samaritan woman at the well sharing her encounter with Jesus, Mary Magdalene discovering the empty tomb and informing the disciples, or Jesus inviting his followers to witness God's work, the act of "coming and seeing" showcases the profound impact of God's presence and leaves people changed because of it.

One of the greatest blessings I have as a pastor is the chance to walk alongside people in their journey of faith and life. Together, we seek God's presence in times of transition, celebration, and loss. However, this journey requires a foundation of trust. In the upcoming month, there will be an invitation to schedule a 15-minute appointment with me to connect and begin building that foundation. Stay tuned for more information.

As we journey through the final weeks of Lent and into the Easter season may we maintain an open posture of "come and see" so that we can experience God's transformative power in our lives at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Come and see!

In Christ, Pastor Kira

Easter is Coming!

As we journey deeper into Lent, I find myself reflecting on this season's call to repentance. Much more than simply refraining from sinful behavior or feeling sorry about our shortcomings, true repentance involves a total reorientation of one's life toward God. The Greek word translated as repentance is metanoia, which literally means "to change one's mind." So repentance necessitates a change of perspective, a reversal of the way we might normally look at the world. A poem by a teacher of mine, Dr. David Lose, shows what this reversal sounds like. I share it with you now to point us toward the hope of what is to come in the promise of Easter. In Christ, Pr. Drew

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Easter is coming. But for many of us, this is not the ultimate reality.

There is too much pain and suffering in the world today.

Death has the last word.

It would therefore be foolish to say that the life and death of a first-century Jew named Jesus makes a difference.

Why?

Might makes right. Power is superior to compassion. And despair is stronger than hope.

So I refuse to believe a man can come back from the dead.

Sometimes the most important facts are the hardest to accept.

Resurrection is a false hope.

How can you say an empty tomb changes everything?

Don't you see? "God loves the world" is a lie.

Money is God, and the one who dies with the most toys wins.

I will tell you what I will tell my children:

There is no more to this world than what you can see, hold, and buy.

There is no mystery in everyday life,

and there is nothing sacred about ordinary things and people.

Many of us simply do not believe that God can give life to the dead, bring light from darkness, and create something out of nothing.

But what if the testimony of the women at the tomb was true?

Then...

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JOIN OUR TEAM

We are accepting applications for these open postitions:

Facilities Coordinator

We are accepting applicants for the part-time position of Facilities Coordinator. This position performs routine cleaning, set-up and tear down for various activities and events, and ensures a safe and presentable environment. This position is responsible for the upkeep and basic maintenance of the church facilities and grounds, coordinating with contractors on further repairs, maintenance, and projects.

Qualifications include:

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- 1-2 years' experience or education in cleaning, building maintenance, or facility repairs. Prefer experience with basic plumbing, electrical, and HVAC systems.
- Basic computer skills including email.
- Ability to push, pull, lift, carry up to 50 lbs. occasionally, and 30 lbs. frequently.

This is a part-time position, working 25-28 hours per week. Schedule is typically Monday-Friday with occasional nights and weekends. Starting pay range is \$17-\$19/hour, based on experience. This position is eligible for the following benefits: vacation, sick time, and holiday pay.

Email or drop off an application, or a cover letter and resume. To request an application or the detailed job description, email: *churchcouncil@oursaviorsfbo.org*.

Business Administrator

We are accepting applicants for the part-time position of Business Administrator. This is an integral role to the overall operations of the church.

This position manages the business operations of the church, implementing and overseeing financial, human resources, and general operations to achieve our mission objectives. This role partners with our Pastors, staff, council, and committees, on budgeting, contracting and service needs, and analysis and reporting.

We are seeking:

- Intermediate experience in Microsoft Word, Excel, and email.
- Demonstrated experience in financial management, budget oversight, and reporting.
- Prefer working knowledge of human resources policies, laws and benefits.
- Analytical, problem-solving, and decision-making skills.
- Availability to attend meetings outside of regular working hours, as needed.

This is a part-time position, working 25 hours per week. Some flexibility in selecting hours and days scheduled. This position is eligible for the following benefits: vacation, sick leave, and holiday pay.

To apply, submit a cover letter and resume via email. Inquires and requests for a job description can also be directed to: *churchcouncil@oursaviorsfbo.org*

COUNCIL CORNER

The Council met on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. Jarid Finstuen started the meeting out with a beautiful devotion titled "The Hands of Jesus." He said it was shared with the confirmation students during their service-learning trip, and it was truly impactful and inspirational for all.

We continued to walk through the faith journey of two more of our council members. Through their stories it brought some laughs, reminiscing of their younger years, and how God has shown up in their lives, in some truly powerful ways. As it was stated that night, "the piano was lit on fire."

The Council is continuing to think of creative ways to celebrate the Putrah Endowment with the family. Something perhaps involving our children & music. We will work with Ashley and Grace, along with the Gather Table to come up with something that would honor her in the most beautiful way.

The annual Synod Assembly is taking place this coming May. Four staff members from Our Savior's plan to attend. It should actually be an elected opportunity, so moving forward it likely will get added to the Annual Meeting for voting. If you are interested in attending, please talk with a staff member.

The Council met with a second technology vendor to serve as an IT manager to assist staff with all technology needs, ensure the proper back-up process is in place, and maintain the current computer hardware and accounts are functioning properly.

Open roles at Our Savior's are getting to be fewer, but we do still have an opening for a Business Administrator and Facilities Coordinator. If you know of a great candidate, again, please share their name with a staff or Council member and we would be happy to reach out to them!

While spring is just around the corner... maybe... we revisited the winter closure policy. When school is canceled, so is our programming. The church office will remain open. For Sunday Worship, a decision will be made by 7:00 a.m. Notifications will be sent out by mass email and text messaging.

A grant was approved for the Faribault Elementary School PTO group's. This will allow all elementary school students the chance to experience the world around them through field trips and school affiliated activities.

Lastly, Evon Ask was a special guest at the meeting. She shared with us her childhood story about giving. She is very passionate about benevolence and wants to see Our Savior's give personally in a way that our budget can not. She would love to implement a "Buck Bucket" or "Blessing Bucket." She said "You give because you are already blessed." We talked about ways that we already give as a congregation, and will continue to discuss this, along with the implementation of our new lead pastor, the formation of a Stewardship Team, and Spring Table.

Respectfully submitted, Andrea Kubinski Council President-elect

Financial Update

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		Actual	Min	istry Spending	Difference
February Reciepts	\$	54,757.85	\$	49,950.00	\$ 4,807.85
February Expenses	\$	(56,520.01)	\$	(62,147.50)	\$ 5,627.49
Receipts Over Expenses	\$	(1,762.16)	\$	(12,197.50)	\$ 10,435.34
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YTD Receipts	\$	107,841.05	•	98,950.00	\$ 8,891.05
YTD Expenses	\$	(101,464.31)	\$	(120,374.00)	\$ 18,909.69
Receipts Over Expenses	\$	6,376.74	\$	(21,424.00)	\$ 27,800.74
Balance Sheet Recap		Actual	Begi	nning Balance as	Change
Total cash on hand as of 02-28-2025	\$	253,475.45	\$	260,471.12	\$ (6,995.67
Total cash Designated for specific purposes (restricted accounts)	\$	169,529.32	\$	182,901.73	\$ (13,372.41
Leaving a cash balance for General Operating expenses of	\$	83,946.13	\$	77,569.39	\$ 6,376.74
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Total Cash in General Operating Account is \$83,946 this is the cash we have access to for any reason/need. Goal is to have two months in reserve.

We received the quarterly endowment deposit of \$11,137 in January.

Thank you for your support of the Ministry here at Our Saviors!

April Noisy Offering

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Project Neighbor is a program of the Cannon River Conference of the SE Minnesota Synod of the ELCA. The fund provides assistance to persons with emergency needs in Rice, Goodhue, and Wabasha counties. Project Neighbor seeks to aid people in need of food, shelter, clothing, and other essential resources who cannot obtain assistance from other sources.

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WEEKLY WORSHIP: Wednesday @ 6pm (Soup Supper @ 5pm)

Sunday @ 9:30am (Livestream available)

PALM SUNDAY April 13 @ 9:30 am (Livestream available) April 17 @ 6 pm (Livestream available)

GOOD FRIDAY April 18

(Livestream available)



for our March Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

April 1, 2025 at 1 PM





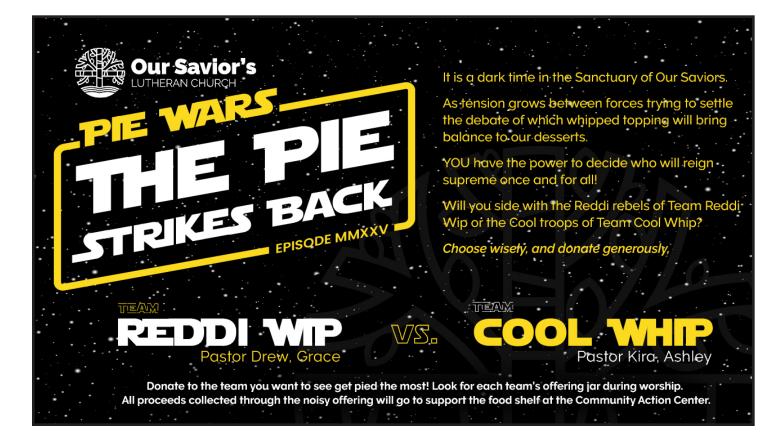
Our Savior's

with our friends at First English and Christ Lutheran

Ash Wednesday - Palm Sunday March 5 - April 13, 2025

The friendly food collection challenge with First English Lutheran and Christ Lutheran will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. The final day for donations is Palm Sunday, April 13th. You are invited to bring a food item (or several) each time you come to the church. Cash donations are also welcome. **Please bring donations to the Front Office or leave them in the carts in the Narthex. This drive benefits the Community Action Center right here in Faribault. Thank you for your generosity!**

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Stepping Stone Classes

FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

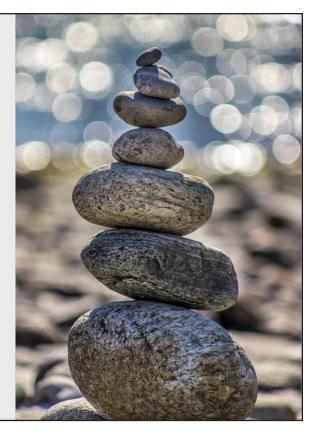
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

5[™] GRADE - *MY BODY, GOD'S GIFT* April 2 | 6:30-7:30 | Chapel

The presentation of the stepping stone will be on April 6th during worship at 9:30am.

4^{тн} GRADE - *COMMUNION CLASS* **April 9** | 6:30-7:30 | Chapel

The celebration of holy communion will be on April 17th during the Maundy Thursday worship service at 6:00pm.





REGISTER TODAY!



PreK & Kindergarten 9:00 - 11:30 AM



Use the QR codes register your child for VBS 2025



1st - 5th Grades 9 AM- 3PM

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Join Us!



LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Dinner for Confirmands & Families Wednesday, April 23 | 6:30 PM

Confirmation Celebration

Confirmands and their families are invited to celebrate the rite of confirmation with a special dinner and a speaker.

Confirmation Sunday, May 4, 2025 Celebrate our confirmands as they affirm their baptism! 9:30 a.m. Presentation to Congregation 11:00 a.m. Rite of Confirmation Service



SERMON TEXT & VOLUNTEERS

April Zacchaeus Wednesday, April 2 & Sunday, April 6 Luke 18:31: 19:10

Triumphal Entry Wednesday, April 9 &

Sunday, April 13 Luke 19:29-44

Jast Supper Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday Luke 22:1-27

Crucifixion Friday, April 18

Good Friday Luke 23:32-47

Resurrection

Sunday, April 20 Easter Luke 24:1-12

Emmaus Road

Wednesday, April 23 & Sunday, April 27 Luke 24:13-35

Stephen's Witness Wednesday, April 30 & Sunday, May 4 Acts 6:1; 7:2a, 44-60

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APRIL USHERS

Scott Finstuen © **Jarid Finstuen** Fred & Barb Grote **Dennis or Rita Wunderlich**

APRIL 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 18 GOOD FRIDAY EASTER SUNDAY EASTER SUNDAY

Jill Finstuen Ken Hubert Joe Grote

6:00 PM
6:00 PM
8:30 AM
10:30 AM

COMMUNION

PREP **SERVERS**

APRIL 6 Ruth Hickey Fred & Barb Grote Allen & Pam Salveson Krista Cox Amy Stadler

APRIL 20 (10:30 AM)

PREP **SERVERS**

Evon Ask Barb Condit Paula Schauer Linda Mueller Anael Yackel Ardys Johnson

Ruth Hickey

Dick Huston Christine Sammon Lisa Quimby Mary Zentner Lisa Quimby **Dick Huston** John Mattson

SCRIPTURE READERS APRIL 6

APRIL 13 APRIL 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY **APRIL 18** GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 20 EASTER 8:30 APRIL 20 EASTER 10:30 **APRIL 27**

APRIL 20 (8:30 AM) **Ruth Hickey** Dennis & Rita Wunderlich Allen & Pam Salveson **Ruth Hickey** Krista Cox

VOLUNTEERS

SOUND & TECH TEAM

APRIL 6 Sound: Amy Cox Livestream: Brendan Cox

Media Shout & Lights: Tim Cox

APRIL 13 Sound: Grace Harrison Livestream: Brendan Cox

Media Shout & Lights: William Silver

APRIL 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY Sound: Volunteer Needed Media Shout & Lights: Volunteer Needed Livestream: Brendan Cox

APRIL 18 GOOD FRIDAY Sound: Volunteer Needed Livestream: Brendan Cox

APRIL 20 EASTER 8:30 Sound: Grace Harrison Livestream: Brendan Cox

APRIL 20 EASTER 10:30 Sound: Linda Hanegraff Livestream: Brendan Cox

APRIL 27 Sound: Amy Cox Livestream: Brendan Cox Media Shout & Lights: Volunteer Needed

Media Shout & Lights: Owen Harrison

Media Shout & Lights: Owen Harrison

Media Shout & Lights: Tim Cox



The OSLC Graceful Spaces Committee invites you to

Share Flowers for the Altar

Flowers not only enhance our services but also serve as a reminder of God's goodness and provision. Please consider being a part of this joyful tradition of donating flowers for the altar, your gift will be a blessing for all who gather in worship. For more information call the church office, or see the kiosk board in the Narthex.

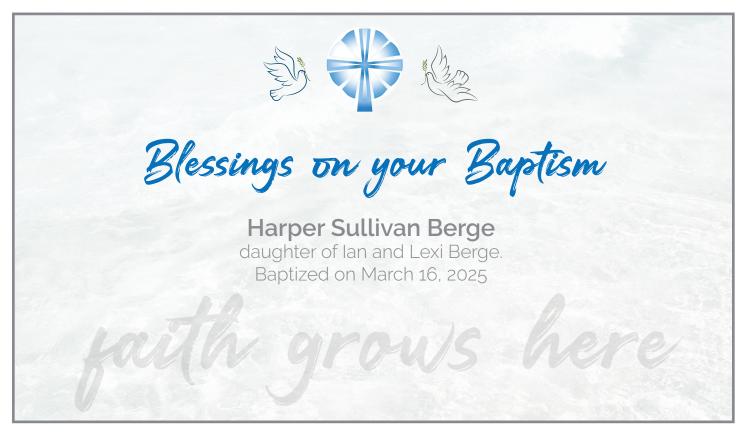


Pub Theology

Thursday, April 24 7 p.m. | Joe's Sports Cafe

Join us for conversation on issues relating to faith and life! Come have something to drink, and stay for a good conversation! Everyone over 21 is WELCOME!

Baptisms & Sympathies



With Deepest Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Those Who Mourn:

Cindy and Gary Hoganson and family in the death of Cindy's brother, Jim Weida

Loren Balken and family in the death of his wife, Marlene Balken

(May God's grace and love surround you during this dippicult time.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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6 9:30 am Sunday Worship Service / Communion 9:30 am 5 th Grade Stepping Stone Presentation 10:45 am Gather Table	7 5:30 pm Property Committee Meeting (Noah's Ark Rm) 6:30 pm Grief Support "Stronger Together"	8 9:30 am Staff Meeting 9:30 am Grief Support "Help for Newly Bereaved" 5:30 pm Executive Council 6:30 pm Free Spirit Reh.	 9 Lent 5:00 – 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper (Chicken Wild Rice & Baked Potato w/Bacon) 6:00 pm Lenten Worship Service / Communion 6:30 pm 24th School, (Pre3-5th Gr.) 6:30 pm 4th Grade Stepping Stone / 1st Communion Class 6:30 pm Confirmation (6th – 8th Gr.) 8:00 pm Hiah School Youth Group 	10 8:30 am Henry's Handy Helpers 9:00 am Dynamic Dusters 9:00 am Quilters 9:30 am Cannon River Conference	11 9:30 am Friday Morning Women's Bible Study	12
 Palm Sunday 30 am Palm Sunday Worship Service 30 am Temple Talk 30 am Pr. Kira Anderson's Installation 10:45 am Reception for Pr. Kira Anderson following service 	14 6:30 pm Grief Support "Stronger Together"	15 9:30 am Staff Meeting 9:30 am Newly Bereaved Grief Group Support 11:30 am FACMA 6:30 pm Free Spirit Reh.	16 No Wednesday Night Activities HOLY WEEK	 Maundy Thursday Sa am Henry's Handy Helpers 9:00 am Faith Circle 10:00 am Dynamic Dusters 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 pm 4th Gr. Stepping Stone/ 1st Communion 	 18 Good Fri. 9:30 am Friday Moming Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Good Friday Service 	6
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Easter Worship Sunday, April 20, 2025 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

All are welcome