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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we move into the summer months, things naturally shift, our scheduled rhythm changes. For some of us we simply get outdoors more. For others, our school calendars end and our summer calendars begin. This season has given me something sacred space. Space to reflect, to listen, and to ask who we are becoming together.

Earlier this year, our council named their 2026 goal for the Church as the following:

To be a community where all are welcome, and every generation has a place to belong... moving every person from a seat in the pews to active involvement, fully utilizing our church as a hub for life-changing faith.

That has been sitting with me in the slower programming days. Because here's what I know: worship matters deeply. Gathering on Sunday shapes us, centers us, reminds us who we are and whose we are. But this goal reminds me that Sunday morning cannot carry our whole faith!!

In a world that is louder, faster, and often more overwhelming than ever, one hour a week is not enough to sustain a life of faith. Research continues to show that people who engage in faith practices beyond weekly worship—through small groups, service, or spiritual conversations—report a stronger sense of purpose, deeper resilience, and more meaningful relationships. Simply put: faith grows best when there is an intention and deeper connection beyond Sunday!

When I think about the goal our Council agreed upon, it requires each one of us to think more about real life and engaging our faith in it! This type of living engages the questions that doesn't wait for Sunday morning. It requires a foundation built off of Sunday and enhanced in faith practices that allow for questions like:

- How do I respond when life feels uncertain or unfair?
- Where is God in my stress, my grief, my joy?
- How do I raise kids—or be an adult—in a world that feels so complicated?

My hope as your pastor is not just that you attend worship (but let's pause for the increase in worship attendance over the past 17 months, even though it is only an increase of 7 people on average), but that you feel equipped to live your faith into all of the daily moments. Your faith is not something you only visit once a week, but something that walks with you—into your homes, your workplaces, your conversations, your hardest days. And that kind of faith doesn't grow in isolation.

Scripture reminds us of this truth again and again. In **Hebrews 10:24–25**, we hear: *"Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together... but encouraging one another."* In **Acts 2:42**, the early church is described this way: *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."*

Faith was never meant to be a solo journey. It is something we practice together—across generations, across experiences, across all the beautiful diversity of who we are. That is why, in this next season, we are going to work to create and strengthen opportunities for faith connection beyond Sunday morning: Not because we want to fill your calendar—but because we want to help form your foundation. Because when faith is practiced in community, it becomes something steady. Something resilient. Something that can hold you when life feels uncertain. And more than that—it becomes something that sends you out into the world with purpose.

My prayer is that every person at Our Savior's Lutheran Church would know this: here is a place for you to belong—not just in a pew, but in a community that is intentionally learning and living faith together. We're building something together and there is room for you in it.

In Christ,
Pastor Kira

WORSHIP TIME:
Sunday
at 9:30 am

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

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Staffing Announcement

On behalf of the Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council, I am delighted to welcome and announce that we have contracted a part-time pastor to join our staff! We would like to welcome **Pastor Paul Gauche** back into ministry among us. Paul served as one of the pastors on staff at Our Savior's from 1987 until the fall of 1995. After leaving Faribault, he went on to serve for 29 years at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville, most recently as Pastor of Life Transitions. Now, after what he describes with a smile as a "29-year detour," Paul is returning to Our Savior's in a contract role as Pastor for Formation and Thriving, working in partnership with Pastor Kira Anderson.

Over the years, Paul's ministry has focused especially on helping people navigate the spiritual meaning of life's many changes and transitions. He has walked with people through birth, baptism, family life, confirmation, graduation, marriage, vocational change, loss, grief, aging, death, and all the moments that cause us to wonder: Where is God in this? What does faith have to do with this part of my life? How do we live with courage, hope, and love when life is changing around us?

Paul and his wife, Nancy Lee, are both retired Lutheran pastors and still live in Burnsville. Their children are now grown and have families of their own. Sarah and her husband Travis have three daughters: Ruby Grace, Ryann Mae, and Emily. Soren and his wife Bethany also have three children: Manny, Gigi, and Geno.

In this new role, Paul will also bring his work with *Thriv'era*, a Christ-centered exploration of the rhythms that help us thrive in every era of life. This work has grown over the past decade and has also helped shape two published resources created in collaboration with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville: *Welcome the Seasons | Advent | Christmas | Epiphany* in 2021 and *Welcome the Seasons | Thriv'era* in 2024.

Thriv'era is not about pretending life is easy or avoiding hardship. It is about learning to live as image-bearers of the Divine in the midst of real life—claiming the abundant life Christ promises and discovering how to bring some good to each moment, something better to each day, and our best to each other as we encounter the world together.

Paul's work among us will focus on deeper discipleship, faith formation, and congregational thriving. Together, we will explore how the worship we share on weekends shapes the lives we live during the week, how faith becomes a dynamic way of life rather than a box we check, and how Christian community continues to form us—even when community is challenging, complicated, and deeply human.

In addition to his pastoral work, Paul continues to invest himself in writing, music, and creative collaboration. We are grateful to welcome Paul back to Our Savior's and look forward to this renewed partnership in ministry.

Your Council President,
Andrea Kubinski

Faith grows here.

Council Corner

Dear Members of Our Saviors,

Your Church Council met on Tuesday, May 19th and as we continue to prioritize transparency with you and strive to seek ways for all to move towards active membership, we want to highlight topics of discussion as well as opportunities to get involved.

As we continue to discern appropriate staffing structures, we are forming a task force which will include staff, council, representation from each of the tables, and we are also looking for at least 2 or 3 congregational members to join as well. If you are interested in being a part of this task force, please reach out to Pastor Kira or a member of the council.

If task forces aren't your cup of tea, then maybe coffee is. We continue to seek volunteers to help set up the coffee, lemonade and donuts in the morning. Our staff has enough to do Sunday mornings ahead of worship that going forward, this hospitality area will be expected to be volunteer led, and not prepared by staff. This means if there are no volunteers, there will be no coffee. You can find the sign-up at the coffee bar.

Please mark your calendars for this summer's Beloved Community conversations where we will be digging into the Social Statement of the ELCA called Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Wellbeing of all. We will meet in June and July on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6pm.

On the business side, the Audit Committee recently completed the 2025 Financial Review. Copies of the 2025 Financial Report are available outside the Fireworks Room. Thank you to Brad Haugen, Pat Mensing, Sharon Dell, Dwight Elthon and Jarid Finstuen who conducted the review and Rita Wunderlich and Pam Salveson for their assistance in its completion.

Thank you for the gifts of your time, talent and resources in the ways you support the ministry that takes place at OSLC. We encourage and welcome your involvement. If you want to find ways to be more involved, please reach out to a member of staff or council.

In Christ's service,
Our Saviors Council



Financial Update

Fast Figures			
2026 Financials			
Finalized through April 2026			
	Actual	Ministry Spending Plan	Difference
April Reciepts	\$ 52,394.00	\$ 47,528.00	\$ 4,866.00
April Expenses	\$ (45,257.00)	\$ (65,564.00)	\$ 20,307.00
Receipts Over Expenses	\$ 7,137.00	\$ (18,036.00)	\$ 25,173.00
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YTD Receipts	\$ 225,353.90	\$ 214,470.00	\$ 10,883.90
YTD Expenses	\$ (181,142.26)	\$ (256,580.00)	\$ 75,437.74
Receipts Over Expenses	\$ 44,211.64	\$ (42,110.00)	\$ 86,321.64
Balance Sheet Recap			
	Actual	Beginning Balance as of January 1st, 2026	Change
Total cash on hand as of 03-31-2026	\$ 372,400.48	\$ 325,216.38	\$ 47,184.10
Total cash Designated for specific purposes (restricted accounts)	\$ 197,282.24	\$ 194,309.78	\$ 2,972.46
	\$ 175,118.24	\$ 130,906.60	\$ 44,211.64
<p>April giving was up 10.24% > from Ministry Spending Plan or \$4,866</p> <p>April expenses were down <30.97% > from the Ministry Spending Plan or <-\$20,307.00>, and this was expected due to having open staff positions.</p> <p>Year To Date - we are Up \$10,884 in Giving and we are Under Ministry Spending Plan by <\$75,438> in Expenses.</p> <p>Currently we are sitting at a positive \$7,136 for April and \$44,211 YTD on our MSP.</p> <p>Cash on hand is at \$175,118 this puts us in a great position to sustain the fluctuation of when giving comes in.</p>			

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Growing Community

Connect in a small group ministry outside of weekly worship.

OSLC Monday Morning Golf

We are happy to once again be able to enjoy golf at Faribault Golf Club this year with reserved **Tee Times of 9:00, 9:10, and 9:20**. We have a great price of **\$25 for 9 holes and a cart for those nonmembers** (18 holes, would be \$40).

We have dates for **June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**. We will all gather there at 8:30 and make up teams at that time since some prefer a scramble format and others like to play their own ball.

Questions? Email Rich Dupuis at ribulze@sbcglobal.net or call 314-520-6842.



To organize who can join us when, join our group on the Team Reach app. Download for free from the App store (Apple) or Google Play (Android)

Group name: Faribault MN Church golf **Enter code:** Fmchurchgolf26

All skill levels are Welcome!

ENJOY THE SUMMER

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Join Us for

Lamplighters

Adult Christians Lighting the Way

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

**12 PM at the
Faribault Family Restaurant**

Lamplighters is a fellowship group for adults 55+ that meets the first Tuesday of each month (except July). Gatherings include programs of local interest, learning opportunities, and shared meals. The group also serves through supporting youth ministries, sending cards to seniors in need, and providing hospitality at funerals.

Join our

3rd Thursday

Lunch Crew



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Good Food & Good Conversation

Thursday, June 18 | 11:30 AM

The Third Thursday Lunch Crew is a relaxed fellowship opportunity for adults to connect over a meal and conversation at a different venue each month to keep things fresh and fun. There's no formal meeting or agenda—just good food, friendly conversation, and a chance to spend time together.

Lunch is Dutch treat (everyone purchases their own meal).

The location will be announced at a later date.

All Adults are Welcome!

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Beloved Community

Faith & Civic Life

Discussion Forum



Faith shapes how we live, serve, and engage with the world around us. Join us for a community conversation exploring Faith and Civic Life through thoughtful discussion, shared perspectives, and meaningful connection.

Using the synod's social statements as a starting point, we'll explore how these ideas align with the values and ministry of OSLC. Copies of the social statements will be available in the church office for anyone who would like to review them ahead of time. Whether you come to listen, learn, ask questions, or share your perspective, all are welcome as we grow together in faith and understanding.

Wednesdays | 6 - 7 PM

Save the Dates

JUNE: 10th & 24th

JULY: 8th & 22nd



Supporting our Community with our friends from First English

As part of our community outreach, we used our noisy offering during Lent to raise money for the Community Action Center's food shelf to help support the food insecurity of our neighbors. Pictured are members of Our Savior's and First English presenting the check to the CAC.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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**VBS 2026
Registration
is OPEN!**



Pre-K - Entering 6th Grade

VBS
9:00 - 11:30 AM

DAY CAMP
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

August 3-6 | First English Lutheran Church

Join us for an exciting adventure on the open road, where kids embark on thrilling journeys to fantastic destinations. Children will discover that God is always with them. They'll explore timeless stories from the Old and New Testaments, learning how to face challenges and find strength in God's presence.



Signup with
the QR Code



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Pre-K through 8th Grade Families

Registration is Open!

Wednesday School/Confirmation

2026-27 Programming

Use the QR code register
for 2026-27 school year programming



YOUTH MINISTRY



Our Savior's
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Summer High School Youth Group

WEDNESDAYS | 6-8 PM

OSLC YOUTH ROOM

Youth in grades 9 -12 are invited to spend your Wednesday nights in May, June, July and August having fun, building community, and learning about God with us.



Join Us. All Are Welcome

SERMON TEXT & VOLUNTEERS

June

"Gleaning & Hope"

Sunday, June 7

Ruth 2:1-23

"Daring to Act"

Sunday, June 14

Ruth 3:1-18

"New Life"

Sunday, June 21

Ruth 4:1-22

"For a Moment Like This"

Sunday, June 28

Esther 4:1-17



JUNE USHERS

RICK BARTNESS ©
DAVE HENRY
MIKE & AMY COOK
SYLVIA ALBERTS

JANE CARSON
ROBIN FINKE
PAUL & KATHY STEPKA

COMMUNION

	JUNE 21	JUNE 28
PREP	Jill Finstuen & Mary Osborne	Jill Finstuen & Mary Osborne
SERVERS	Harry & Sharon Dell John & Edie Mattson Jill Finstuen Barb Condit	Stew & Cindy Schuenke Allen & Pam Salvesson Krista Cox Marnie Roiger

SCRIPTURE READERS

JUNE 7	CHRISTINE SAMMON
JUNE 14	JILL FINSTUEN
JUNE 21	JOHN MATTSON
JUNE 28	KRIS HOYSLER

SOUND & TECH TEAM

JUNE 7	Sound: Allen Salvesson	Media Shout: Linda Hanegraff
JUNE 14	Sound: Ashley Taylor	Media Shout: Mitch Anderson
JUNE 21	Sound: Amy Cox	Media Shout: Tim Cox
JUNE 28	Sound: Jordyn Finstuen	Media Shout: Jarid Finstuen



With Deepest Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Those Who Mourn:

For the Family of Barbara Anderson

Asher Bushaw in the death of his Great Grandmother, Geri Nelson.

Gladys Merritt in the death of her husband, Stanley Merritt.



Marcia & Dave Borka and family

in the death of Marcia's sister, Lori Nauman.

Kathy Johnson in the death of her husband, Dick Johnson.

For the family of Brian Stockland.

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

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
	<p>1 5:30 pm Facilities Leadership Meeting 6:30 pm Grief Support</p>	<p>2 12:00 pm Lamplighters Luncheon (Faribault Family Restaurant) 2:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Personnel Meeting</p>	<p>3 6:00 pm High School Youth</p>	<p>4 8:30 am Henry's Handy Helpers 9:00 am Dynamic Dusters</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Spring Table Meeting</p>	<p>8 6:30 pm Grief Support</p>	<p>9 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Summer Stretch (6th – 8th Grade)</p>	<p>10 5:00 – 8:30 pm Holy Smoke at Christ Lutheran Church, ½ Sweet Potato Jackson aka Spud Brothers 6:00 pm High School Youth 6:00 pm Beloved Community: Faith and Civic Life</p>	<p>11 8:30 am Henry's Handy Helpers 9:00 am Dynamic Dusters 9:00 am Quilters</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 9:30 am Worship Service Guest Speaker Katelyn Rakotoarivelo (Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry) 10:45 am Forum Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry 10:45 am Gather Table Meeting Confirmation Camp (14-19)</p>	<p>15 6:30 pm Grief Support Group</p>	<p>16 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Summer Stretch (Pre – 5th Grade) 5:30 pm Executive Church Council Meeting 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>17 6:00 pm High School Youth</p> 	<p>18 8:30 am Henry's Handy Helpers 9:00 am Dynamic Dusters 11:30 am 3rd Thursday Luncheon Crew</p>	<p>19 Juneteenth</p>	<p>20 Boy Scout Troop Overnighter</p>
<p>21 Father's Day 9:30 am Worship / Comm 9:30 am Temple Talk</p>	<p>22 6:30 pm Grief Support</p>	<p>23 1:00 pm Mill City Service 2:30 pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>24 6:00 pm High School Youth 6:00 pm Beloved Community: Faith and Civic Life</p>	<p>25 8:30 am Henry's Handy Helpers 9:00 am Dynamic Dusters 9:00 am Quilters</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 9:30 am Worship Service / Comm.</p>	<p>29 6:30 pm Grief Support</p>	<p>30 2:30 pm Staff Meeting</p>				



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Happy
Father's
Day



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