



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, June 23, 2024
5th Sunday after Pentecost**

- **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.

CHECK-IN

- 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

Matthew—Summer Adult Bible Study, Sunday, 9:45-10:30am, Room B06 with Pastor Fred
Each session stands on its own, come as often as you can!

Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament—(Returning in the Fall) Mondays, 3:30pm

Women's Bible Study—(Returning in the Fall) Tuesday afternoons

Zoom Bible Study—(Returning in the Fall) Wednesday mornings

Men's Bible Study—(Returning in the Fall) Fridays, 6:15am

Today's Worship Services

8:15am Classic Traditions (Communion 2nd & last)



“How Firm a Foundation”
LSB 728 (Vs. 1-3)

Invocation

Opening Sentences

Confession & Absolution

“How Firm a Foundation”
LSB 728 (Vs. 4-5)

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

Children's Message & Digital Check-in

Reading of God's Word
Job 38:1-11
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

Nicene Creed

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”
LSB 722

Message

Offerings & Offertory

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
LSB 711

Announcements

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



Invocation

“Blessed Be Your Name”

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“Do It Again”

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“Our God”

Announcements

This order of service is a guide and is subject to change when it becomes necessary.

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!



Sunday, June 23

100th Anniversary Booklet

If you registered for a **100th anniversary booklet** or called in to receive one, they are available to pick up before each worship service in the Church Lobby.

If you want to get a book, please add your name to the list In the back of church. We will be printing more.

June 24-29

Family Outdoor Movie Night



FAMILY Outdoor MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday, June 26
7:00 pm

The Courtyard by Door #5

www.oslcs.org for weather cancelations by 5:00pm

Popcorn will be served

Bring your own beverages (or other snacks)
Bring a blanket or lawn chairs
(and maybe some bug spray!)

Our Savior Lutheran Church & School
20290 Highway 7, Excelsior

Sunday, July 7



Sunday, July 7
10:00am
Worship Only
Independence Day
Weekend

There will be NO Bible Study on Sunday, July 7

Sunday, June 30

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.



Help Needed



Vacation Bible School Volunteer Needs

- Tues & Wed Full Day Adult Volunteer (8:45-3:15) 1
 - Fri Morning Adult Volunteer (8:45-12:15) - 1
 - AM Bible Story Assistant (could be youth) - 1
 - PM Checkout Helper - 1
- Contact Laura to help Laura.Kimber@oslcs.org



KIDS
ages 3-6th grade
VBS
JULY 8-12

Our Savior School

Note of Thanks

New Director

Thanks be to God! We are pleased to announce that we have hired a new Director for Our Savior School. Tami Finney will begin July 1. She was raised in a LCMS church, parents taught in LCMS schools and has prior experience at Crossview and Minnehaha Academy. She was excited to accept the position and is looking forward to starting at Our Savior School.

Now Hiring

FT Toddler Teacher or Assistant Teacher—9:30-5:30pm (per Minnesota Department of Health requirements).

Preschool Aide (Teacher or Assistant Teacher)—PT morning or PT afternoon or FT all day beginning in the Fall.

Contact Lisa.Bowyer@oslcs.org if you would like to learn more.

The 100 Year Anniversary Committee would like to thank the Congregation of Our Savior Lutheran Church & School for the opportunity to serve you as leaders, as together we celebrated 100 years as an active church. As a team, we met monthly for two years, organized quarterly events and finished with a celebration of 100 years since the church first began. We hope you were able to join in some of the events that took place. It was an honor to be able to bring these events to you. May God bless Our Savior as we begin the next 100 years! Thank you!

Your 100th Anniversary Committee

Prayers

- Lord, we praise You for a new Our Savior School Director starting July 1; We also ask that You would direct the right individuals to fill our other staffing needs this fall;
- Heavenly Father, provide willing volunteers to help guide the kids during VBS;
- Thank You for protecting the Shield 616 riders last week;
- 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, Joan Lange;
- We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week.

Our Savior LUTHERAN
Excelsior, MN


100 Years worth of Photos
Not ALL of them ... but a LOT of them!

Missions, Church, Children/Youth, School, Preschool Kindergarten

Open your camera app and focus over the QR and tap the link that pops up ... or ask for help!

Thanks to Kat for editing and organizing thousands of photos from all kinds of sources!

Calendar

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| 23 Worship *8:15am Classic Traditions 9:15am Fellowship 9:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Praise Team Practice *10:45am New Song | 24 | 25 6:00pm Trustee Meeting | 26 7:00pm Family Outdoor Movie Night | 27 9:00am Quilters 12:00pm A Time for Prayer 6:00-9:00pm Pickleball (13+ with parent to adults) | 28 | 29 9:00am Recovery Support Group |
| 30 Worship w/ Communion *8:15am Classic Traditions 9:15am Fellowship 9:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Praise Team Practice *10:45am New Song | 1 | 2 | 3 |  ALL OFFICES, SCHOOL, CHILD CARE & EXTENDED CARE CLOSED | 5 | 6 9:00am Recovery Support Group |

Mission Updates

Voice of the Martyrs

Read about Alice, whose husband was killed in Nigeria in 2011 by Militant Fulani Muslims. She found it difficult to provide for her four children, but continued to farm their plot of land. A year and a half later, they struck again and burned her home to the ground and she was forced to flee her village. Over time she found a way to earn a meager living, support her family while still faithfully tithing. In 2011, the Fulani Muslims burned her fields. She continued to scrape by for two more years until she met some VOM workers, who helped her with her living expenses and got her relocated to a simple home.

Today Alice and her children are thriving thanks to the help received from the global body of Christ. Alice's faith continues to grow as she has seen God work in her life since her husband's death; She has even forgiven the men who killed her husband. When she saw a neighbor who killed her husband, Alice

summoned the courage to approach him and greet him kindly. This act of love has helped her find peace.



You can support other families like Alice's by supporting the Voice of the Martyr. www.persecution.com/donate/

Trinity First Lutheran School

Things did not go as planned for the staff of Trinity First. They did not expect to:



TRINITY FIRST
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

- Baptize eight and confirm two students
- See heavy attendance at their new Kinder Family Nights and increased attendance at their parent Bible Studies
- Experience staffing and teacher changes mid-year that left them praying hard for a solution
- Exceed their weekly chapel offering goal by doubling the total from last year for a missional organization
- Hear their 8th graders ask to join the summer bridge success program that normally serves students through 7th grade
- Have so many new families enrolling for the 24-25 school year that they already have waiting lists for several classrooms

Through all the wonderful and challenging times, God has filled every gap (not always as expected, but always what they needed), comforted, healed and encouraged them by allowing them to see some of the fruits of their labors. Read much more about Trinity First in their June Newsletter.

Garden Help Needed for ICA Food Shelf



Do you want to help reduce food insecurity in our community? **You can!** Our Savior's ICA Give Garden at the top of the hill is growing (and so are the weeds). There are over 30 tomato plants plus peppers, squash and cucumbers!

Help is needed to weed, work the soil and eventually to pick and deliver fresh produce to the ICA Food shelf in Minnetonka. If YOU want to get your hands dirty, contact Jenn at gjhcwurdell@gmail.com.

Crystal Women's Clinic

Leydi came to CWC discouraged and feeling like abortion was her only option. She left knowing God has a plan for her and her child after a life-saving encounter with Jesus. Check out the most recent letter from Crystal Women's Clinic for a QR code to read the whole story.

Over 100 CWC clients have already chosen life for their babies in 2024. Women seeking quick abortion

solutions have a change of heart when seeing their babies on an ultrasound. Parents hear all their pregnancy options, receive education to empower their parenting journeys and resources or referrals to meet financial needs.



The Lake Minnetonka Zone "banner" for the MNS LWML convention that ended yesterday is really a baby blanket that will be given to CWC so a family can feel the warmth and love of Christ as they raise their baby.

Lutheran Church Charities

LCC has new puppies coming in July to begin their K-9 Comfort Dog Training. They are seeking an Apprentice Trainer over the age of 18. k9trainers@lutheranchurchcharities.org



A third LCC Hospitality House is open in Carpentersville, IL by Faith Lutheran Church to provide intentional support and Christian Hospitality for a family in need of short-term housing. They will be having a House Blessing on June 30.

LCC is offering Spiritual First Aid training at no cost to equip people in their daily lives to be able to make an appropriate intervention in the lives someone who is going through difficult times. sbeshara@lutheranchurchcharities.org

Mission Updates

LINC Ministries

Do you know your God-given calling?

Summer is here and there is a lot of “newness” in the air around LINC. New team members, new LINC cities, a new program and a new newsletter for the nation-wide LINC Network,

As part of our ongoing internal renovation project (more to share on that in the months to come) we want to be a blessing to you in every way that we can, including through the occasional email.

For today, here is some food for thought: I recently wrote an article titled, “Does the American Church need a new Strategy?” In it I contend that the church doesn’t need a new strategy, it needs to remember the original strategy with a modern expression.

What do I mean by that? Worship services are great at reaching Christians who are looking for places to worship, but they are not God’s given strategy for reaching new people. You are.

Jesus didn’t command the organization to go and make new disciples, He gave that mandate to His disciples and to us. So how do we do that?

One of Jesus’ mandates to His followers is to “love thy neighbor”. Christians in the first 300 years after Jesus’ resurrection were known for just that, amazing acts of sacrificial love. At a time when Christians were severely persecuted Aristidis gave a report to Caesar regarding the Christian movement. Here are some highlights from the report:

1. They fast for days in order to provide food for the needy
2. When they see a stranger in need they take them into their homes
3. Those with more give to those with less, without boasting
4. They care for widows and orphans with kindness
5. There is something divine in the midst of them

I wonder, what would they say about us today?

Whether as a grassroots missionary (LINC leader), financial partner or a friend of LINC, you are an important part of God’s mission to your community. It is our collective calling to love our neighbors in Jesus’ name. How it plays out in each of our lives is as unique as we are.

How can we help you clarify and live out your God-given calling?

Peace, friend!

Ben Griffin

Pastor Ben Griffin
CEO of LINC Ministries



Mayer Lutheran High School

Their most recent newsletter is available.

EST. 2023
MAYER MARKET & More!
MAYER, MN

JUNE 26 | 4:30-7:30 PM
LLAMAS ARE COMING!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- LOTS OF FARM/CRAFT VENDORS
- SWEET WINK'S FOOD & DESSERT TRUCKS
- LLAMAS TO PICTURE, PET & LEAD
- TRAVELED GROUND - LIVE MUSIC
- BOUNCER, CRAFTS & GAMES

HELD IN NORTH PARKING LOT OF MAYER LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
306 SEVENTH STREET NE | MAYER, MN

JUNE 26, JULY 10, JULY 24, & AUGUST 7
4:30-7:30 pm | Outdoors (if nice) - Indoors (if not)

Kenya Children’s Fund

Dear Lori Kroll and Friends at Our Junior Lutheran Church,

Cheerful greetings to you beloved, I trust this special message finds you in very high spirits.

In a special way, I share our sincere gratitude for the opportunity to Fellowship with you and share about Kenya Children's Fund, a ministry you have prayerfully, faithfully supported.

Thank you to Pastor Adam and the entire team that has the leadership of the Church. We are grateful to know that the Church who are the people spreading love have our organization at heart.

Always feel free to share your prayer points as a church. We would be proud to have our children lift your specific needs as they pray.

Excited to share with you more in the coming days. Peace of the Lord.

For the precious ones at KCS

Collins Mugeko, CEO

This and That

Budget & Attendance

Weekly offering received: June 15

- Total received: \$14,181.07

Fiscal offering year to date: June 15

- Total offering received: \$441,958.60
- Total offering budgeted: \$504,457.44
- % above or below budget: -12.4%

June 16 Worship: 289 Livestream: 84