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growing in faith and proclaiming Jesus is the way

To provide a safe environment and faith centered School education where children can grow physically, Mission intellectually, emotionally, socially, and spiritually

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Welcome Guests

- 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 **10:45am—**New Song

Sunday, October 6, 2024 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Live Stream and Cable Options

- Church Center app or https:// oursaviorexcelsior.churchcenter.com/channels
- Visit www.oslcs.org and click on Video Ministry
- 10:45am Broadcast on Mediacom Channel 21 on Saturdays & Sundays at 7:00pm

Digital Check-in

We invite you to check-in each week, especially if you are watching at home.



✓ In-person

☑ Live streaming ☑ Watching later

- ☑ Scan the QR code
- ☑ OSLCS.org
- Check in on Church Center



No smart phone or e-mail? Sign the registration pad in the pews.

Christian Education

Sunday Moring, 9:30-10:30am

Sunday School

- ◆ Pre-2nd—Community Center/Gym
- ◆ 3rd-4th—Community Center/Gym and move to Room B24

Confirmation

- ♦ 5th-6th in Begin in Community Center/Gym and move to Room 207 (Temporarily start in Rm 207)
- ♦ 7th-8th in Room B04

Senior High Bible Study

◆ 9th-12th—Room B09

Adult Bible Study, "Prayer"

◆ Room B06 with Pastor Adam

Sunday Night, 6:30-8:30pm

- ★6th-8th Gr Woven Youth
- ★9th-12Gr Elevate Youth

Weekday Bible Studies

"Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament"

Monday, 3:30pm, Conference Rm

"Your Strong Suit"

(Women) Tuesday, 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall

"Ecclesiastes"

(Arise Young Adult, Zoom) 1st/3rd Tuesday, 9:00pm

"Praver"

(Zoom) Wednesday, 10:00am

Online Bible Study

(Facebook or YouTube), Thursday, 9:00pm

"Luke. Part 2"

(Men) Friday, 6:16am, Perkins in Chaska

"30 Virtues that Built a Man"

(Men) Monthly Breakfast Study, Saturday, 8:00am, Fellowship Hall

Today's Worship Services

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

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

"With the Lord Begin Your Task" LSB 869

Invocation

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"10,000 Reasons"

Confession & Absolution

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Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis

"Jesus Does"

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

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Children's Message & Digital Check-in

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Reading of God's Word 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Philippians 4:4-7

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Matthew 18:1-6

Apostles' Creed

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"Our Father, by Whose Name" LSB 863

Message

Message

Offerings

Offerings

Presentation of Bibles

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" LSB 955

Prayers

Presentation of Bibles

Lord's Prayer

Prayers

Benediction

Lord's Prayer

"Today is the Day"

Benediction

Announcements

"Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ" LSB 769

Announcements

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, October 6

Today's Mission Moment

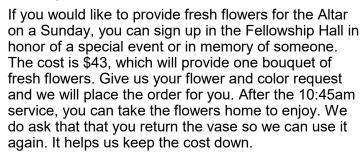
Ruthie Wagner, from Lutheran Bible Translators is here **today** to share about some of her recent work in Bible translation. She will be sharing more at **9:30am in the Fellowship Hall**. (Bible Study will resueme next week.) Everyone is invited to attend.

Ruthie is a Translation Advisor and Exegete working with translation programs in Tanzania, particularly with the Kerewe Bible Translation Program, located on Ukerewe Island on Lake Victoria. Ruthie primarily works remotely from Minnesota and travels to Tanzania a couple of times a year for workshops. She teaches and trains Bible translators using technologies such as YouTube, Zoom, and WhatsApp. Ruthie also serves as the Archive Curator for Lutheran Bible Translators.

Ruthie is a third-generation missionary and grew up in Bangladesh. At Bible school, God called her to love people by giving them His Word in the languages they know best, just like He had done for her. Ruthie met her husband Josh at a Bible translation meeting and they married in 2009. From 2013-2020, they worked with Bible Translation and Scripture Engagement in Sierra Leone. Josh now works as the Business Manager for the LCMS Minnesota South District. They have four children.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are provided by Ed & Lois Borner in honor of their 20th Wedding Anniversary on October 6, their granddaughter, Madie's, 4th birthday and their grandson, Ian, who was born September 15. We praise God for all these blessings in their lives!



Commitment Cards

If you did not have a chance to fill out a 2025 commitment card last Sunday, please pick one up today. Please pray about how God is leading you to support Our Savior next year. You can return it to the offering plate. You can always change your pledge if things change in your life. Your commitment is also useful in creating the 2025 budget.

LWML Sunday

Today is LWML Sunday. As Lutheran Women in Mission,



we give thanks, glory, and honor to God for the many mission grants completed over for over 80 years. We thank Our Savior members who have faithfully helped support the grants.



You will have an opportunity to take a small mite box to take home (children's mite boxes are also available). Please fill the boxes with coins and/or dollars and pray for the mission grants as you put

your offering into the box. Then return it to church the following month in the large mite boxes in the Fellowship Hall or Church Lobby. You are welcome to continue to do this throughout the year. You can be a missionary, but supporting others in the mission field.

Please check out **www.lwml.org**, click on "Missions" and watch how the funds grow and are distributed. Thank you, as we "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

Third grade students will receive their Bible, funded in part by the Our Savior LWML at both worship services today. They are also is providing treats during Fellowship time today.

LWML Mission Grant to Lutheran Hour Ministries-Kazakhstan will be used for direct outreach in local churches, holistic ministry, digital outreach through *Thred.asia*, and printed Christian resources to reach the unchurched in Kazakhstan where the proclamation of the Gospel is difficult due to harassment by non-Christian religious authorities and unbelieving family members. "We are fighting both physical and spiritual poverty," says Rev. Peter Kirby.

Quilting Ministry

Originally began as a part of the LWML, the quilters are a group of caring individuals who meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 9:00am. Beautiful quilt tops are created, the quilters add backing and batting and tie the quilts together and then they are bound. The quilts are given to individuals and organizations who need the love of Christ and the warmth a quilt will provide.

Currently about 6-8 women typically meet. Anyone would be welcome to join in creating these warm and colorful gifts of love. So far this year, 32 quilts have been lovingly made and were given to Phil's Friends and Orphan Grain Train. If you know of an organization who may benefit from receiving handmade quilts, contact Joyce Pettit.

You will usually see a quilt hanging in the Fellowship Hall for sale for \$35. These funds are used to purchase more batting. Donations of colorful fabric for the quilt tops, sheets or other large pieces of fabric for backings are always welcome, too.

October 7-12

Everyone is invited to the

Fall Gathering

Saturday, October 12, 2024

(8:45am Registration) 9:00 - 11:00am \$5 Registration fee (first timers free)

Peggy Benicke, Executive Director & Jennifer Loining, Clinic Director From the Crystal Women's Clinic "Reach Her First"



Mission Statement: To be the first step for women at risk of aborting their babies, empowering them to choose life through education, practical help and hope in Jesus Christ

Gifts from the Heart ♥ to stock their Baby Boutique Gift cards for Target, Amazon or Walmart

Or shop their online registries at www.supportlife.org/shop-to-stock-baby-boutique/

Zion Lutheran Church 241 Fifth Ave. N, Hopkins 952-938-7661



Hosted by the LWML Lake Minnetonka Zone

Confirmation Retreat

The 5th-8th graders will be going on their annual Confirmation Retreat to Camp Omega October 11-13. Please fray for their safety and spiritual growth.

This and That

New Security Code

If you are currently using the code ending in 41, to enter the building during the day, it is going to be removed at the end of October. Please contact Andy at andy.bowyer@oslcs.org to receive your own code.



Sun, Oct 6

Lord of Heaven and Earth, we thank and praise you that you have made us your children through the work of Jesus and that we are a part of the church throughout the world. We pray that global church would stay true to the truth of the Gospel, share the message of salvation with all people, love others, and enourage one another in the faith. Amen.

Mon, Oct 7

Father in Heaven, we thank you for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, of which we are a part. We pray that you would bless the churches of our Synod, that they would grow in faith and love and faithfully share Gospel message with the communities of which they are a part. Amen.

Tues, Oct 8

Father, we lift up the leaders of our church body today. We especially pray for President Matthew Harrison. Draw him close to yourself, your wisdom, and your ways through your grace. Lord we pray you would grant wisdom and vision to our leaders, and that you would help them make the right decisions that align with what you would like to accomplish through your church. Amen.

Wed, Oct 9

Heavenly Father, Thank you for the men and women You have raised up in Your Name, to serve our churches as pastors and deaconesses. Thank you for our two seminaries where they may grow in their faith and ministry formation. Bless these students, the faculties and support staff as they work together for the good of the church. Guard and protect them by Your grace. In Jesus' name, amen.

Thurs, Oct 10

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We thank you for the Minnesota South District. We are blessed to be able to live in the place and be the light of the world in southern Minnesota. We pray as a District that we would faithfully serve one another and our communities. Be with President Lucas Woodford grant him wisdom as he leads. Be with all the churches in our district that your name would be proclaimed. Amen.

Fri, Oct 11

We pray for the churches in the Lake Minnetonka Circuit. Heavenly Father, be with aand direct the ministries of Zion Lutheran in Hopkins, Living Christ in Chanhassen, Redeemer Lutheran in Wayzata, Mt. Olive Lutheran in Mound, Bethlehem Lutheran in Minnetonka, Victory Lutheran in Eden Prairie and Our Savior Lutheran in Excelsior. Help us to live in unity together, and to encourage one another in all ways. Amen.

Sat, Oct 12

Father, we thank you for giving us one another to live out our faith as the church. Were we are in error, correct us, were we are being faithful strengthen us. Help your church to faithfully live, serve, and love you, and to live, serve, and love one another. Amen.

Upcoming Events



This Trunk or Treat event typically hosts around 150 kids from our Church, School and the community. If you would like to donate some treats (candy) for this event, please bring to the Outreach Box in the Fellowship Hall or to Laura/Laurie's office.

We need more host trunks! Scan the QR. If you are hosting a trunk and have battery or solar powered lights, please incorporate them into your trunk. We will have some battery powered lights available if you do not have any to light your trunk.

Questions? Contact Laura—Laura.Kimber@oslcs.org.



LERT Training

The LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) model will be presented to prepare congregations and

individuals to be better prepared when a disaster strikes and help them know how to respond. Participants will learn how to develop local teams of trained volunteers to respond when disasters occur. Congregations are encouraged to send a group of people to this training for ready application when you get back home.



Anyone interested is welcome to attend the training session. However, only LCMS members who are 14 years or older will receive qualification as LCMS LERT volunteers. You will receive your certificate of participation, volunteer ID card and T-shirt after the training is complete. Your LERT trainers will distribute all the LERT materials during and after the class.

The three main sections of the training are: 1) An introduction to the LCMS Disaster Response program, 2) Congregational Preparedness and 3) Lutheran Early Response Teams.

The training is on Saturday, October 26 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Faribault from 9:00-3:00pm. Please come at 8:30am to check-in, complete registration & pick up materials. The LERT training class begins at 9:00 am. (Laurie B has registered and would love to take a car load of people along!)

Advanced registration is required online (scan the QR code). Your early registration is greatly appreciated by event planners. Walk-ins are welcome but cannot be guaranteed classroom materials.



Cost is \$20 per person (includes all materials, refreshments, and lunch). Pay at the training with cash or check only.





Blood Drive

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School Excelsior

> Gym 23290 Highway 7 Excelsior, MN 55331

Saturday, November 2, 2024 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

www.redcrossblood.org and search for OurSaviorExc or 55331 (and scroll down!) Set up and take down volunteers would be welcome. Laurie.bromenshenkel@oslcs.org

Mission Updates ... Hurricane Helene

Samaritan's Purse

We are providing relief in the mountains of **Watauga County, North Carolina**—home to Samaritan's Purse international headquarters in the town of Boone. This response extends to include neighboring counties in North Carolina (Ashe, Avery) and eastern Tennessee (Johnson).

Southwest of Boone, rivers also raged outside their banks causing widespread destruction in the **Asheville**, **North Carolina**, area. Long stretches of interstate artery I-40 are shut down, after sections washed out. Our response there is focused on Buncombe County, which includes Asheville, Black Mountain, Montreat, and Swannanoa.

We have deployed a 20-bed Emergency Field Hospital—designed as an emergency room triage unit—at Cannon Memorial Hospital in the town of Linville (Avery County). The facility, requested by the Appalachian Regional Health System/UNC Health System, is staffed by our Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) medical personnel.

Many communities in the High Country of North Carolina and far eastern Tennessee are cut off by damaged roads, downed trees, and flooding. Samaritan's Purse is coordinating air relief to some of these locations—delivering basic necessities to those in dire straits using our own helicopter as well as the aircraft of other organizations. We are working through various local contacts, including our Operation Christmas Child partner churches, to identify those who are suffering and then to respond as requested. We praise God we have been able to deliver much food, water, and other relief to those isolated by the storm.

Samaritan's Purse also has two U.S. Disaster Relief bases in Florida and one in Georgia. We have one response site in **Perry**, **Florida**, where the storm made landfall with 140-mph winds along the Big Bend. Helene hit there late on Sept. 26 at Category 4 strength, making it the strongest storm to hit the area in recorded history. Our Perry base is at Calvary Baptist Church. We are also responding in greater **Tampa**, **Florida**, where thousands of homes have been flooded. At this site, we are being supported by our Canadian affiliate office.

Day and overnight volunteers started Sept. 30 in all locations. You can find more details about all our responses and how you can volunteer at spvolunteer.org. Please prayerfully consider serving as many volunteers will be needed to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ to help the hurting.

Lutheran Church Charities

Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) is calling on its supporters to pray for families and individuals affected, as well as LCC's preparations to serve the Florida-Georgia, Southeastern, and Mid-South districts of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) and Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) participating in recovery efforts.

"We know that so many lives have been upended and torn apart. They are entering this week without loved ones, homes, power, and basic needs. They need our prayers right now." Singer said. "As the waters recede and power is restored, LCC stands ready to offer emergency assistance, tangible support, and most importantly, the comfort and hope found only in Jesus Christ."

LCC is able to provide this assistance because of faithful, generous donors and volunteers who are willing to support and serve. "The financial support you can offer right now will go directly to helping families and LCMS congregations across the region affected by Helene," Rev. Chris Singer said.

www.lutheranchurchcharities.org/give-lcc-dr

Luther World Relief

Earlier this week, as families boarded up their homes and prepared for the worst, Lutheran World Relief was also busy preparing to respond. Thanks to our compassionate donors who are always ready to help, Lutheran World Relief was able to mobilize components of our response in advance.

Before Helene made landfall, our team was already preparing a shipment of LWR Quilts and Personal Care Kits to comfort those in need. Amazingly, this delivery will arrive just days after LWR announced the expansion of our Quilt & Kit Ministry to serve our neighbors in the U.S.

Powered by compassionate people like you, Lutheran World Relief is teaming up with local organizations to meet various needs, including food, water, shelter and essential supplies. This is an unprecedented crisis for our neighbors in Helene's path, and we are praying that, with your help, our response can rise to the immense challenge.



https://lwr.org/ blog/2024/hurricanehelene-relief-helpfamilies-southeast-now

Mission Update

Time to Revive

Revive Mankato—On July 26-27 Anne Benson and I were invited to participate and help train the Love Mankato outreach. The leader, Eli Powell has been doing ministry in Mankato for a few years along with a team he's been equipping to help him.

Carver County Fair—In August we had a prayer and Gospel booth again at the Carver County Fair for five days. We were blessed to have 29 volunteers, many of them from various Christian Churches. We gave away around 250 Revive Bibles, many youth and children's Bibles and adult devotionals. Several volunteers had not done outreach in this way before but they jumped in and joyfully shared the Gospel.

Shangri-La New Age Festival—On Aug. 31 - Sept. 1 I participated with Streetlevel ministry at the new age and hippy festival at Harmony Park in southern Minnesota. We had a Prayer Station and offered prayer, Bibles and other resources presenting the Gospel message. We offered free meals, water and snacks. Streetlevel has been doing the Prayer Station twice a year since 2009 and many of the fair-goers expressed appreciation for us being there and sharing God's love.

Every Day Opportunities—These young Hispanic men from South America were installing a fiber optic cable on my street earlier this summer. I sensed the Lord nudging me to give them some cold water and fizzy drinks and also Spanish Bibles. I found one who spoke a little bit of English. They gladly accepted the drinks and Bibles. Please pray that the seven men will read the Bible and come to saving faith.

More details about these Revive events can be found on the Mission Board in the Fellowship Hall.

Last Week

Budget & Attendance

Weekly offering received: September 28

Total received: \$16,293.90

Fiscal offering year to date: September 28Total offering received: \$734,849.17

Total offering budgeted: \$797,616.46

% above or below budget: -7.9%

Sept 29 Worship: 96 + 77 = 173 Livestream: 54/28

Youth Jundraiser

The Flamingos are Back

The Flamingo fundraiser is a fun way to support Our Savior Youth to attend the National Youth Gathering in July 2025. Your "friend" will pay us to place pink flamingos in your yard. This is done in good spirits and is not meant to be mean.

These flamingos will roost on your lawn briefly and then mysteriously migrate to another person's lawn.

The flamingos will be removed at no charge, so please don't hurt our pink-feathered friends.

- Select the next "victim" by donating today.
- Purchase Anti-Flocking Insurance for \$25, which guarantees no flamingos will roost on your lawn.



Prayers

- Guide and direct the leaders of Our Savior; Give the leaders of this state and nation the wisdom and integrity to lead us;
- Grant Your peace and reconciliation to overcome all hatred, conflict, and war; Grant safety to our military and first responders as they serve to protect us;
- Lord, we ask that You would fill the open staff positions at Our Savior School;
- Lord, give peace to those who have been affected by hurricane Helene; comfort to those who have lost or are missing loved ones; Bring needed resources to the areas that need them most; Be with relief workers and volunteers as they provide assistance, make repairs and provide aid; Continue to provide the right people to restore power, repair roads and reopen businesses; Work in us to help, where and when we can;
- Provide healing to those who are sick and strength to those facing long term illnesses including: Lu Beise, Darwin & Vangie Krueger, Don Hoekstra, Sarah Pietz, Rosie Breheim, Marlene Doheny, Clyde Aurich, Jennine Fine;
- We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week.

Calendar

6 LWML Sunday Worship *8:15am Classic Traditions 9:15am Fellowship 9:30am Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Bible Study & Missionary Presentation 9:30am Praise Team Practice *10:45am New Song 1:00pm GriefShare Support Group 6:30pm 6th-8th Gr Woven Youth 6:30pm 9th-12th Gr Elevate Youth	7 3:30pm Bible Study: Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament 6:00pm Troop 409 Meeting	8 © Picture Retakes 1:00pm Women's Bible Study: Your Strong Suit (Armor of God) 5:45pm OSS Staff meeting 6:00pm Building Expansion Committee	9 10:00am Zoom Bible Study 6:00p Music Rehearsal	9:00am Quilters 12:00pm A Time for Prayer 7:00pm Praise Team 9:00pm Online Bible Study	6:15am Men's Bible Study: Luke Perkins, Chaska Extended Care Open	12 8:00-11:00am Pickleball (13+ with parent to adults) 9:00am Recovery Support Group 9:00am LWML Fall Gathering at Zion Lutheran in Hopkins mation Retreat at Camp Omega through 10:45am Sunday
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