



Our Savior

L U T H E R A N

Excelsior, MN

Vision All will know and experience God's love

Church Mission To be a welcoming community, rooted in scripture, growing in faith and proclaiming Jesus is the way

School Mission To provide a safe environment and faith centered education where children can grow physically, 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, November 3, 2024
Reformation Sunday

Live Stream and Cable Options

- ◀ **Church Center app** or <https://oursaviorexcelior.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.

CHECK-IN

- 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
- ◆ 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

"Ecclesiastes"

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

"Prayer"

(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)



"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
LSB 802

Invocation

Opening Sentences

Confession & Absolution

Kyrie

"O Worship the King"
LSB 804 (Vs. 1, 5, 6)

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

Children's Message & Digital Check-in

Choir: *"I Will Sing Jubilant Praise"*

Reading of God's Word
Revelation 14:6-7
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

Nicene Creed

"God of Grace and God of Glory"
LSB 850

Message

Offerings & Offertory

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"
LSB 924

Announcements

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



Invocation

"Shout to the Lord"

Opening Sentences

Confession & Absolution

"More Than Amazing"

Children's Message & Digital Check-in

Reading of God's Word
Revelation 14:6-7
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

Nicene Creed

Message

Offerings

Prayers

Remembering the Saints

Lord's Prayer

First Communion/Holy Communion

Benediction

"God Is On The Move"

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, November 3

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First Communion

The 6th Graders who have completed their classes will be receiving their First Communion on **Sunday, November 3 at 10:45am**. The 5th-6th gr will still have class at 9:30am this day.

1st Town Hall (Building)

Our Savior
Excelsior, MN

Informational Town Hall

Possible Building Expansion

- Over the past year and a half, a committee of members has been investigating a possible building expansion at the church
- That work is coming to a close and the Committee and Board of Directors are now bringing details to the congregation
- Ask Questions

The same information will be presented at both meetings. You only need to attend one.

🕒 **4:00pm** | 🕒 **6:00pm**
 📅 **Sunday, Nov 3** | 📅 **Wednesday, Nov 6**
 📍 **Sanctuary** | 📍 **Sanctuary**

More details on p. 6

LWML Mite Collection

You can drop off your LWML Mite offerings to the large boxes in the back of church or in the Fellowship Hall.

Your Mites go toward Mission Grants, like Lutheran Hour Ministries-Kazakhstan, "Sharing Christ to Women and Children of Kazakhstan," for \$100,000, 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.

Youth/Parent Meeting

There will be a National Youth Gathering on **Sunday, November 3** at 5:45pm for those attending and for those who are still considering attending.

Church Concerts

- ♦ Sun, Nov 3 at 3:00pm at Zion Lutheran (Organ)
- ♦ Monday, Nov 11 at Zion Lutheran "A Christmas Carol"

More details on board in the Fellowship Hall.

GriefShare's Surviving the Holidays

There is a stand alone GriefShare session called *Surviving the Holidays* on **today from 1:00-3:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Enter at Door #4. Contact Lori Kroll or Lorraine Johnson if you have questions.



This is for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn: How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays; What to do about traditions and other coming changes; Helpful tips for surviving social events.

November 4-9

ELECTION Prayer Service
Praying for our Country

Mon, Nov. 4 at 6:30pm

Our Savior Sanctuary
Doors #2 or #3

2nd Town Hall (Building)

Information will be repeated for a second opportunity on **Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00pm**

Regular and Ongoing Events This Week

- ♦ Weekly Bible Studies (listed on the front page)
- ♦ A Time for Prayer (Zoom), Thursday at 12:00pm
- ♦ Recovery Support Group, Saturday at 9:00am

Youth Event

The 6th-8th graders are invited to an overnight lock-in at Our Savior on **Friday, November 8 at 6:00pm** that will conclude on Saturday at 8:00am.

Sing Along

Everyone (men, women, children) is invited to join the women of Our Savior for a Sing Along at Shorewood Landing (Across the Street) on **Saturday, November 9 at 10:00am**. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your time and with the residents in singing their favorite hymns.

Sunday, November 10

November 11-16

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.

Cribbage

Join God's Guys on **Monday, November 11 at 7:00pm** for Cribbage in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Women's Night Out

Women are invited to a night out with friends! Come for food, fun, fellowship, and philanthropy (the act of giving back to the community) on **Friday, November 15 at 6:30pm** at Patron Mexican Bar & Grill, 207 N Chestnut St. in Chaska.

Please bring along men's or women's winter accessories (hats, mittens, scarves) or Target gift cards for The New Freedom Store. This organization serves the needs of the homeless, those getting out of prison, rehabilitation and the poor.



RSVP is required by Sunday, November 10, to Pam Illies (pamelaillies@hotmail.com or 952.474.0781). This event is hosted by the Our Savior Women's Ministry.

New Bible Studies

There will be two new Bible studies starting on **Sunday, November 10 at 9:30am**.

Pastor Adam will leading a parenting study titled "Raise Them Up in the Way They Should Go" in the Conference Room. In this class we will be looking at what how God has called us to be parents and how we can raise our children in the faith, in this ever changing world. This is a 5 week class (Nov 10, December 1, 8, 15, 22)

Pastor Fred will lead a new study in Room B06. *Lutheran Spirituality* will direct you to God's Word, Luther's Small Catechism, and the Lutheran hymnal as resources for living out your faith. In His Word, the Lord teaches His believers to pray, to rejoice in prayer, follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, approach God as an Intercessor, to pray for the world.

There will be NO Bible Study November 17 (8:15 and 10:00am services) and November 24 (10:00am Worship Service & Pancake Breakfast)

Youth Rally

The 6th-12th Gr youth will be attending a Youth Rally at Bethel University on **Sunday, November 10**. They will be departing Our Savior at 3:30pm.

Women's Night Out RSVP Due

If you plan to attend the Women's Night Out on November 15, your RSVP is due November 10!

Sunday, November 17

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November 17**



... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us ...



**Fellowship in the
Community Center
9:15am**



**Engage
WORSHIP**


**10:00am
Community Center**

Interactive, intergenerational, table discussions for all ages, pray together, contribute to the prayer tree and move if you need to!

No Sunday School, Confirmation or Bible Study Nov. 17.
Please see p. 7 for additional details.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child SHOEBOX PACKING EVENT

 **Wednesday, Nov 20**
5:30pm Supper
6:30pm Packing



 **23290 Highway 7, Excelsior**
Door #5 Community Center/Gym



Purchase shoebox items on the Amazon wish list or purchase items that will fit inside a shoebox.

Volunteers needed for set-up/clean-up and packing assistance



Pack a shoebox online or make a donation.



Questions?
Laura.Kimber@oslcs.org

Pack a Shoebox Online

You can pack a shoebox online! You get to pick the items that go in the shoebox. Certain countries have restrictions on items, so all the shoeboxes with the approved items will all make it through customs and into the hands of children! Scan the **Green QR code**.

Shoebox Shipping

If you can't pack shoeboxes, you can still help! You could donate to help ship the shoeboxes. Each \$10 will ship one box. Scan the **Green QR code** to give directly to Samaritan's Purse. If giving in Church Center, choose *Operation Christmas Child*.

Collection Week at Our Savior

We are an official drop off location during collection week for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We have drop off times every day from November 18-25.

We need your help!

- Greet and pray with those dropping off shoeboxes.
- Haul, count, pack and stack shoeboxes we collect

Scan the **QR code below** to be an essential part of collection week. Thank you for helping.

Questions? Renae Hoernemann

Shoebox Packing Event!

- ♥ Registration is not necessary to attend for supper and packing. Chick-fil-A chicken will be served along with some side dishes.

Purchase Shoebox Items

You can scan the **Blue QR code** and shop online on the Amazon list. You can also watch for things that will fit in a shoebox when you are out shopping. Drop them off in the Outreach Box in the Fellowship Hall. Specific needs include

- ♦ Pencil sharpeners
- ♦ Notebooks
- ♦ Coloring books
- ♦ Colored pencils
- ♦ Markers
- ♦ Tooth brushes
- ♦ 4 soccer balls (we have the pumps already)

Volunteer for the Packing Event

Some leads are needed the night of packing. Scan the **Red QR code** to register with set-up, help during packing and clean up. Thanks for sharing your time.

We NEED Your Help During Collection Week!
Greet & Pray or Haul, Count, Pack & Stack



Mon, Nov 18, 5:00-7:00pm
Tues, Nov 19, 12:00-3:00pm
Wed, Nov 20, 8:00-10:00am
Thurs, Nov 21, 5:00-7:00pm

Fri, Nov 22, 10:00-2:00pm
Sat, Nov 23, 9:00-11:00am
Sun, Nov 24, 1:00-3:00pm
Mon, Nov 25, 8:00-12:00pm

Sunday, November 17

November 25-30

Special Service

On Sunday November 17, in addition to our 8:15am service, we will have a special 10:00am Worship service in the Community Center/Gym. During "Engage Worship," we will gather together around tables. There will be opportunities to interact with one another, by praying with and for each other, by having a time of discussion after the sermon, and other times during the worship service. Please join us and invite your friends as we worship God together.



Sunday, November 24



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 protect us;
- Lord, we ask that You would fill the open staff positions at Our Savior School; Uplift our staff and grant them good health;
- We remember the Saints who have gone to be with their Lord in the last year: John Cox, Warren Ohland, Willard Reinke, Doris Reich, Ken Kuhnly;
- Grant comfort and peace to Kathy Rosamond and her family at the loss of here dad, Fran;
- Protect Jerry Rosamond, Anne, Kevin & Linda traveling and serving in the Asheville, North Carolina Nov. 9-17; Holy Spirit; use them as they help others and proclaim the Good News.
- Lord, we thank You for those celebrating birthdays this week ;

Christmas Music Survey

On **Wednesday, December 11** there will be a Christmas Hymn Sing at 6:30pm. We want to know YOUR favorite songs to help choose the songs that will be sung. Choices include traditional hymns and contemporary songs. Scan the QR code and pick your top 10! Some hard copies are in the back of church and can be returned to the Church Box. Deadline is Sunday, November 24





Upcoming Events

- ✦ **Christmas Choir Cantata** Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30pm & Dessert Reception
- ✦ **Christmas Hymn Sing Along** on Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30pm & Cookie Reception
- ✦ **Christmas Light Tour** on Thursday, December 12 from 7:00-10:00pm. \$28 ... more details to come. Only 40 tickets available.
- ✦ **God's Guys Christmas Fellowship**, date TBD
- ✦ **Christmas Program** on Sunday, December 18 followed by birthday cake for Jesus
- ✦ **LWML Christmas Cookie & Snowflake Sale** Sunday, December 22
- ✦ **Christmas Eve Worship** 3:00 or 5:00pm
- ✦ **Christmas Day Worship** 10:00am
- ✦ **Blood Drive** at Our Savior on Monday, December 30 from 1:00-7:00pm

This and That

Budget & Attendance

Weekly offering received: October 26

Total received: \$28,957.57

Fiscal offering year to date: October 26

- Total offering received: \$811,117.68
- Total offering budgeted: \$865,433.18
- % above or below budget: -6.3%

Oct 27 Worship: 150 / 63 = 213 Livestream: 27/47

Daily Prayers

Sun, Nov 3

Father God, we pray for our governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, and attorney general. Grant them grace to face the unique challenges regarding MN's financial responsibilities, law enforcement, racial division, the life of the unborn and more. Please give them insight into the needs of our communities and discernment to make just and wise decisions. Amen.

Mon, Nov 4

Father, as we approach the election, many of us are unsure how to pray. Help us to trust in Your will. Your Word teaches us to pray for those in authority, so we lift up President Biden in our prayers. We ask that You protect him from evil and harmful influences and guide his heart towards You. Ultimately, we recognize that it is not the person in the White House who matters most, but that You are always in control. Amen.

Tues, Nov 5

Prince of Peace, as we head to the polls today, we pray for the men and women in the Senate and House of Representatives who represent all Americans. In these divisive times, we ask for Your guidance to help Congress work together and find common ground for the benefit of our country. Please inspire our leaders to set aside personal agendas and approach their work with humility and a spirit of service. We also ask for safety and peace at the polls. Amen.

Wed, Nov 6

God of Justice, help the judges in our nation, especially those who sit on the highest court in our land, to be people of courage and integrity. Turn the hearts of those whose lives aren't fully committed to You so that they will approach every decision in ways that honor You and bring glory to Your name. Amen.

Thurs, Nov 7

Heavenly Father, we pray for our leaders in each branch of government who have sworn an oath to "faithfully execute" the duties of their respective offices. Help them to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America." Amen.

Fri, Nov 8

Sovereign Lord, You have ordained government for the sake of justice for Your people so that all may walk humbly and in peace together before You. Help us to pray for our government officials. Give us love for those who are not governing according to Your principles, and through our prayers, turn their hearts towards You. Amen.

Sat, Nov 9

Father, God, You have ordained government for the sake of justice for all people so that we may walk humbly and in peace together before You. Help us to pray for our government officials. Give us love for those who are not governing according to Your principles, and through our prayers, turn their hearts towards You. Amen.

Building Expansion Vote

All voting members 18+ should have received (or will be receiving) a letter with a ballot for you to make your voice heard regarding a potential building expansion and new Narthex / Lobby at Our Savior.

The idea of expanding was raised many years ago and again in a congregational survey 5 years ago. Over the last 18 months the Building Expansion Committee has been evaluating the need and options for a possible expansion. This involved research, congregational surveys, listening sessions, and hiring church planning experts. The work is complete and now the congregation will decide whether to move forward or not.

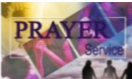

The proposed expansion as well as information on the “yes” or “no” vote was mailed to members, was shared in a special eNews 11/1 and is available online at www.oslcs.org/resources/member-resources/. If the congregation decides to move forward, additional design steps would be taken to fine tune the details.

An opportunity to ask questions will be available at town hall meetings on either **Sunday, November 3 at 4:00pm** or **Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00pm**. The goal is to record the sessions and post online. Ballots must be returned no later than **Friday, November 22, 2024, 4:00pm** and can be placed in the church box or mailed to the church office.

Results of the vote will be communicated at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 24.



Calendar

<p>3 First Communion for 6th Graders Worship *8:15am Classic Traditions Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:15am Fellowship 9:30am Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth and Adult Bible Study 9:30am Praise Team Practice *10:45am New Song (First Communion) 1:00pm GriefShare Support Group 1:00pm GriefShare Surviving the Holidays 5:45pm Youth Gathering Meeting 6:30pm 6th-8th Gr Woven Youth 6:30pm 9th-12th Gr Elevate Youth</p>	<p>4 3:30pm Bible Study: The Messiah 6:00pm Troop 409 Meeting 6:30pm Election Prayer Service</p> 	<p>5 6:30pm Elders</p>	<p>6 10:00am Zoom Bible Study 6:00pm Music Rehearsal 6:00pm Town Hall: Building Expansion</p>	<p>7 12:00pm A Time for Prayer 6:30pm American Heritage Girls 7:00pm Praise Team 9:00pm Online Bible Study</p>	<p>8 6:15am Men's Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke Perkins, Chaska</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> 6th-8th Gr Lock-in Fri 6:00pm - Sat 8:00am </div>	<p>9 9:00am Scrapbooking Event (Youth Fundraiser) 9:00am Recovery Support Group 10:00am Sing Along at Shorewood Landing</p>
<p>10 Worship w/ Communion *8:15am Classic Traditions 9:15am Fellowship 9:20am Joyful Song Rehearsal 9:30am Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth and Adult Bible Study 9:30am Praise Team Practice *10:45am New Song 1:00pm GriefShare Support Group 3:30pm 6th-12th Gr Youth Rally</p>	<p>11 3:30pm Bible Study: The Messiah 7:00pm Cribbage Challenge</p>	<p>12 5:45pm OSS Staff 6:00pm Building Expansion Committee Winter Ministry Update Deadline 9:00pm Arise Young Adult Online Bible Study</p>	<p>13 10:00am Zoom Bible Study 6:00pm Music Rehearsal</p>	<p>14 9:00am Quilters Circle 12:00pm A Time for Prayer 6:30pm American Heritage Girls 7:00pm Praise Team 9:00pm Online Bible Study</p>	<p>15 6:15am Men's Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke Perkins, Chaska 6:30pm Women's Night Out at Patron in Chaska</p>	<p>16 8:00am Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Youth Room) 8:00-11:00am Pickleball (13+ with parent to adults) 9:00am Recovery Support Group</p>
<p>17 ✨ Special Interactive Service ✨ Worship *8:15am Classic Traditions 9:15am Fellowship (Community Center) 10:00am Engage Worship (Community Center) ~NO Sunday School/Confirmation/Bible Study~ 1:00pm GriefShare Support Group 6:30pm 6th-8th Gr Woven Youth 6:30pm 9th-12th Gr Elevate Youth</p>	<p>18 3:30pm Bible Study: The Messiah  ♥OCC Shoebox Drop-off 5:00-7:00pm</p>	<p>19 6:30pm Board of Directors ♥OCC Shoebox Drop-off 12:00-3:00pm</p>	<p>20 5:30pm Supper 6:30pm Operation Christmas Child Shoebbox packing 7:30pm Music Rehearsal ♥OCC Shoebox Drop-off 8:00-10:00am</p>	<p>21 12:00pm A Time for Prayer 7:00pm Praise Team ♥OCC Shoebox Drop-off 5:00-7:00pm</p>	<p>22 6:15am Men's Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke Perkins, Chaska ♥OCC Shoebox Drop-off 10:00-2:00pm</p>	<p>23 Community Center Set-up 9:00am Recovery Support Group ♥9:00am Loading Shoeboxes ♥OCC Shoebox Drop-off 9:00-11:00pm</p>
<p>24 ✨ Single Worship Service 🍩 Worship w/ Communion *10:00am Single Worship Service 11:00am God's Guys Pancake Breakfast ~12:00pm Cong. Budget Meeting~ ~NO Sunday School/Confirmation/Bible Study~ ♥OCC Shoebox Drop-off 1:00-3:00pm 1:00pm GriefShare Support Group 6:30pm 6th-8th Gr Woven Youth 6:30pm 9th-12th Gr Elevate Youth</p>	<p>25 3:30pm Bible Study: The Messiah 7:00pm Troop 409 PLC Meeting ♥OCC Shoebox Drop-off 8:00-12:00am</p>	<p>26 6:00pm Trustees 9:00pm Arise Young Adult Online Bible Study</p>	<p>27 Worship 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve</p>	<p>28 7:00pm Praise Team</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> All Programs Closed—Childcare, Preschool, Kindergarten, Extended Care & Offices </div>	<p>29 6:15am Men's Bible Study: Luke Perkins, Chaska 9:00am Christmas Decorating 🎄</p>	<p>30 8:00-11:00am Pickleball (13+ with parent to adults) 9:00am Recovery Support Group 9:00am Cantata Rehearsal</p>