
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

April 2025



Palm Sunday – April 13th Worship at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Join us for a Camp Sunday Fundraiser Breakfast between services!

Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 9:45AM.

Candy donations are appreciated, and can be left in the box outside the church office.

Maundy Thursday – April 17th Worship at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM

First Communion will be celebrated at 7:00 PM

Good Friday – April 18th Worship at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM

Joint Worship at Christ the King

Easter Sunday – April 20th

Worship at 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, and 10:00 AM

The 8:30 AM service will also be Live on Facebook.



Congregational Meeting Regarding Church Parking Lot

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, April 27th, at 9:40AM, to vote on the parking lot project. The church council will present the plan and bid for paving the front portion of the church parking lot. A quorum of 75 confirmed members of the congregation is required.

Looking Ahead: From Memorial Day weekend (Sunday, May 25th) through Labor Day weekend (Sunday, August 31st), we will worship at one service on Sunday mornings at 9:00AM.

Holy Week and Easter

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:2*

This verse is part of the Psalm we will read on Easter Sunday. Easter is a day to celebrate that God has raised from the dead the one who was willing to die on the cross to show us how much he loves us. Easter is a day to rejoice in God's power over death and God's power to transform our lives here on earth. Before we celebrate the resurrection, we journey through Holy Week as we remember what Jesus has done for us. We live in a busy and fast-paced world. It is easy to get so caught up with activities, work, and demands of life that it is difficult to pause, reflect, and worship. Holy Week offers you an opportunity to do just that. Each worship opportunity from Palm Sunday to Easter will offer time to deepen your faith. I encourage you to set aside time to come and worship during Holy Week.

Holy Week begins on **Palm Sunday**, April 13th. Palm Sunday is the day we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Jesus was praised as King and the people celebrated his life. But during the week, shouts of praising Jesus turned to shouts of "crucify Him." Bishop Dee Pederson will be preaching at Our Savior's on Palm Sunday, and the Wednesday LinC† choir will be singing. Worship is at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM.

Maundy Thursday, April 17th, we gather to remember and celebrate Jesus' last supper with his disciples. "Maundy" comes from the word, "commandment." Jesus gives us a new commandment to love and serve one another. In the Gospel of John, Jesus washed the disciples' feet as a sign of servanthood. Jesus celebrated the last supper with his disciples and Holy Communion was instituted. The service ends with the altar being stripped. The candles and the Bible, the symbols of our faith, are removed as we are reminded that Jesus was stripped of his very life for us. This is also the night our 5th grade students will celebrate First Communion. Worship is at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM.

Good Friday, April 18th, we gather to remember the death of Christ. We deliberately pause to hear again the power of the words of Jesus' death and what surrounded that day. Worship is at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM at Christ the King.

The Resurrection of our Lord, April 20th. We celebrate Christ rising from the dead: the promise of life and that death has been defeated and the future is open to all believers because Christ has been raised from dead. Come and rejoice. Worship is at 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, and 10:00 AM.

I look forward to worshipping with you this Holy Week and Easter, and pray you will find meaning and joy in our worship services.

Pastor Kathy

Join our ministry teams each Wednesday of Lent from 5:00 PM – 6:15 PM for a great meal!



April 2nd

Youth Ministry
Mission Ministry

Pasta

April 9th

Deacons Ministry
WELCA

Goulash



Basket Auction

The Children’s Ministry Team will be holding a basket auction fundraiser just in time for Easter! Beginning Wednesday, April 2nd, come take a look at a variety of baskets for all ages. The auction will remain open until Palm Sunday, April 13th, closing after our Camp Fundraiser Breakfast.

Palm Sunday Events!!

Sunday, April 13th
BETWEEN SERVICES

Join us for our **CAMP** Fundraising Breakfast & get excited for summer!

Faith that OVERFLOWS 2025

GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

Easter
EGG HUNT
Sunday, April 13th
(between services)
please meet in the sanctuary for instructions
at 9:45am
Our Saviors Lutheran Church

Save the Date!

VBS 2025!
June 16-20th, 9am – 12pm
Register Today!!
vbspro.events/p/oslcnewulm2025

Hey OSLC campers, our camp week is set!

OUR CONGREGATION IS GOING TO CAMP WEEK 3 (JUNE 22-26)!

Faith that OVERFLOWS 2025
GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

REGISTER NOW

Registration is open now! If you have any questions, please email Lindsay: education@oursaviorsnewulm.org.

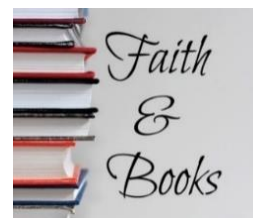
Lent Study

Our Lent Study on the topic “The Hardest Part, hurt we carry, hope we find,” continues to meet on Tuesdays at 1:00PM in the church library through April 8th. From the author Kate Bowler: “Life can be too much. And Lent is the season where we sit in that heaviness. For 40 days, we stop pretending things will suddenly get better and face the truth: life is fragile and so are we. This study gives our group the opportunity to practice honesty, where we acknowledge how heavy the world can be, but where bit by bit, we might also hold out hope for what might still be possible. Because when we do the hard part, something else happens: we get to the good part.” The blessing of our faith is that we know the good part, too, Easter!

Retired Persons Coffee

Retired Persons Coffee continues to meet once a month. On **Wednesday, April 2nd**, we will have a coffee and conversation time from 9:00AM - 10:00AM.

Faith and Books will meet on Wednesday, May 7th, at 5:30PM. Please bring a favorite book to share and some ideas for next year’s book list!



Youth Summer Service/Adventure Trip to the Twin Cities July 14th – 16th, 2025

Youth completing grades 7 – 12 are invited on a short trip to Minneapolis/St. Paul. We will be doing service projects (such as Feed My Starving Children), as well as fun activities including Kerfoot Zipline or Ropes Course, Top Golf, Minnehaha Falls, and much more. Cost is \$200, which includes everything except snacks and souvenirs. Please register with Pastor Kathy by April 20th.



Volunteer Training for running the worship PowerPoint will take place on **Sunday, April 6th** and **Sunday, May 4th**, between services. Many of you have commented that you would be willing to do this, but were nervous without receiving any instructions. This will be an opportunity to try it out, and know whether or not this is something you are willing to volunteer for. Contact Pastor Kathy with any questions.

10th Grade Confirmation Planning Meeting

Ninth Grade parent and student meeting to plan Confirmation Sunday will be held on Wednesday, April 23rd, at 6:45 PM in the Upper Room. There will also be a 9th grade milestone presentation at the 7:30 PM worship that night.



Graduates! Mark your calendars! Senior recognition Sunday is May 18th. We will celebrate and honor you at the 8:30 AM service that day. The quilt presentation will be at the service and there will be refreshments in the Social Hall after worship. Stay tuned for a mailing with more information.

Mission Corner:

The *Noisy Offering* for April will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing, and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. From the ELCA website:

<u>Domestic</u>	<u>International</u>
Tornadoes	Middle East Crisis
Severe Storms	Easter Europe Crisis Response
Flooding	Horn of African Drought
Wildfires	South Sudan Relief
Hurricanes	Middle East & Europe Refugee Crisis

Lord, in this time of hardship, we ask for your comfort and guidance. Protect those in danger, and grant strength and healing to all those affected. Amen.



The food library is a ministry of Our Savior's. We are looking for people who would help keep the food library filled 2-3 times per week. It is kept full of food that is seasonally appropriate, and anyone in the community can stop by and pick up needed food. The food we have for the food library is in the wooden box outside the church office. If you would like to help, a sign-up sheet is located in the Social Hall. Questions? Contact Pastor Kathy or a member of the Missions Team.

We are also in need of food to fill the Food Library! Please consider donating non-perishable, and/or single serving foods. Donations can be left in the wooden box outside the church office.

Did you know that Thrivent clients can direct Choice Dollars® to Our Savior's? In 2024, we received a total of \$2,919 in Thrivent Choice Dollars® grant funding! Thank you to our congregation members for your generosity! If you have questions about Choice Dollars®, please contact your Thrivent representative.

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Notes of **THANKS**

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$433.33 from your "Noisy Offering." Please know that your gifts are life changing to our families who are starting over – it means the world to our moms & kids. Bless you all.

- Your friends at NUMAS Haus

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 <i>Martinez Baptism</i> 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt 10:30am Worship 3:00pm Girl Scouts Activity	31	1 9:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Lent Study	2 9:00am Retired Persons Coffee 10:00am WELCA Board 3:30pm First Communion Class 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Lent Suppers 5:30pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm Lent Worship 7:00pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Confirmation	3 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	4 11:00am MRCI Group	5 8:30am Men's Bible Study
6 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 9:30am Volunteer Training 9:40am Sunday LinCt 10:30am Worship	7	8 9:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Lent Study 5:30pm Adult Ministry Team 6:00pm Youth Ministry Team	9 9:00am Cards of Caring 1:00pm Beautiful Savior Circle 3:30pm First Communion Class 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Lent Suppers 5:30pm Adult Handbells 5:30pm Children's Ministry Team 6:30pm Lent Worship 7:00pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Confirmation	10 9:00am Immanuel Circle 2:30pm Pro Kinship Activity 3:30pm Oak Hills Worship Service	11 11:00am MRCI Group	12 8:30am Men's Bible Study
13 Palm Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Camp Sunday Fundraiser Breakfast 9:45am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am Worship	14	15 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Mission Ministry Team 7:00pm Stewardship Team	16	17 12:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship	18 11:00am MRCI Group 12:00pm Good Friday Worship at Christ the King 7:00pm Good Friday Worship at Christ the King	19 8:30am Men's Bible Study
20 7:00am Easter Worship 8:30am Easter Worship 10:00am Easter Worship	21 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	22 Sidelites Deadline 9:00am Quilting Group 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:30pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	23 <i>9th Grade Milestone</i> 11:45am Food Shelf Volunteering 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Youth Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation 6:45pm 10 th Grade Confirmation Meeting 7:30pm Worship	24 9:00am Blessed Bottoms Prep 2:30pm Pro Kinship Activity 5:00pm Deacons Ministry Team 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	25 8:30am Sidelites Group 11:00am MRCI Group	26 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Private Event
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The church office will be closed on Monday, April 21st for the Easter holiday.



FLOWERS FOR EASTER

To decorate for Easter Sunday, we will be using Easter lilies and spring flowers. If you would like to contribute to the cost of decorations, or if you would like to bring a plant, please complete the form below. Plants will be kept for pick up until April 30th.

- Easter Lily - \$25.00
- Assorted Bulbs - \$15.00
- Potted Plants - \$25.00

Please print clearly! Names will be listed in the bulletin as written.

Given By _____

Choose one:

- I will bring a plant or lily for Easter.
 - Please bring to the church by April 17th and place on the table by Tom’s office.
 - If you bring a plant and would like to bring it home after Easter, please label your plant.
- I would like to contribute \$ _____ toward Easter flowers.
 - I would like to bring a plant home after the holiday.
 - **Make checks payable to OSLC, and write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.**

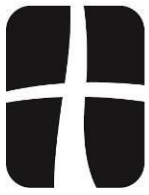
Choose one (please print names):

Given in memory of _____

Given in honor of _____

Given as a gift.

Forms must be returned to the church office **no later than April 13th** for memorials to be included in the Easter bulletin.



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Lent Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Wednesday Worship – 6:30 PM

Television Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

4th Thursday of the month – 6:00 PM

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OUR SAVIOR'S is a Welcoming
community, experiencing God,
reaching out and raising up followers of
Jesus Christ