

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so that all may know God's Love.

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From the Pastor

Beloved,

In his Easter video message, Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry says that even though we consider ourselves to be an Easter church, we must remember that we are also a Lenten church, living in uncertainty, waiting and hoping for renewal. Curry reminds us that in the midst of that uncertainty comes God's promise of reassurance and hope. Death does not have the final word.

[Watch](#) the Easter video.

On Sunday, April 5th, we celebrate the Paschal Feast, the Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter. The festival that early Christians celebrated was called in Greek Πάσχα (Pascha), a transliteration of the Aramaic word כּחֲסֵה, cognate to Hebrew פּסַח (Pesach). There are various iterations of the Latin word used in many languages around the world. But, the Finnish name, Pääsiäinen, implies a sense of liberation or being released.

In the mid-1500's, Mikael Agricola, served as the Bishop of Turku. While he was in office, he translated the New Testament into Finnish and also produced the prayer book and hymns used in Finland's new Lutheran Church. This was at a time when there was no standard version of the Finnish language. So he developed or formalized many of the words that are still used to day, such as Pääsiäinen. The word means "passing" from fasting, i.e. the end of the forty-day fast preceding Easter. This "passing" has also been said to refer to the Jews' escape from slavery in Egypt, the transition from death to life associated with the resurrection, the escape of Christianity from sins, or the escape from winter.

In these fifty days of the Easter season, how will you celebrate this liberation from death and sin? I hope and pray that we live as the Easter people, set free to love and serve one another in the name of our Risen Christ!

Peace be yours,

Pr. Liz

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 No Bible Study	3	4
5 <u>Easter Sunday</u> Breakfast 8:15am Egg Hunt 8:30 am Worship 9:00am	6	7	8 God Squad End of Year Party 6:00 pm	9 Bible Study 10:30 am	10	11
12 Worship 9:00am Council Mtg 10:00am	13 Make & Pray 6:00-8:00 pm	14	15	16 Bible Study 10:30 am	17	18
19 Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:00am	20	21	22	23 Bible Study 10:30 am	24	25
26 Worship 9:00 am	27	28	29	30 Bible Study 10:30 am		

Our Saviors Church - Council Minutes

March 08,2026

Council Members Present - Pastor Liz, Scott Lassiter, Marcia Carlson, Betty Consoer.

Financial Report - Brian Block presented the January 2026 Financials:

- The general fund received gifts of 7,688 versus last year of 11,338, giving a difference of 3,650.
- The Checkbook balance is 8,764.67
- The financial report was approved by a motion from Betty and seconded by Marcia.

Old Business:

- Drinking fountain: Tom placed the order. Bob Gerkhe will be the contact if Tom is still in Florida.
- Marcia shared the plan to submit a claim to Blue Earth County Conciliation Court regarding the payment to Boelter Windows Siding & Roofing for reroofing the parsonage.

New Business

- Upcoming ELCA meeting, Saturday, March 14th in Austin. Pastor and Marcia will attend.
- First communion workshop on Palm Sunday, March 29th.
- Scott will look into marketing Our Saviors events on Facebook and the web.
- Upcoming events include Holy Week, Easter Services, Easter egg hunt and Easter breakfast.
 - We will be sending out a signup sheet for help.
 - Easter is April 5th.
- Pastor attended the Continuous Growth Pathways seminar at Gustavus the first week of March.
- God Squad, Wednesday, the 24th.

The next council meeting is April 12th, 10 am.

Marcia motioned to end the meeting and was second by Betty.

Marcia closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Scott Lassiter, Council Secretary

Called to Let Our Light Shine!

OSLC News and Announcements

Holy Week and Easter

Join us for worship!

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion

6:30 pm Good Friday

9:00 am Easter Sunday with Holy Communion

Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast

Everyone is welcome to the Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast starting at 8:15 am.

Children ages 0-5th grade are invited to come for an Easter Egg Hunt at 8:30 am before worship on Easter Sunday, April 9th. Bring a basket and hop to it!

God Squad

April 8– End of Year Celebration

- After a brief end of the program year devotions and music, there will be games, snacks, and fun activities.
- All kids in the congregation are invited to come regardless of God Squad participation.

April Make and Pray

Make & Pray will be held on *April 13th from 6:00-8:00 pm* with *Knitting 101*. If you've always wanted to learn to knit or if you have knitting questions, join Pr. Liz for a lesson. Please, RSVP by 4/6 and indicate if you need supplies or will bring your own.

Bible Study Schedule

Adult Bible Study continues on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am. Come share faith, fellowship, and treats!

Spring Cleaning

We need your help! There will be a Spring Clean-up day in the parsonage and church landscape. We will be cleaning the gutters, clearing leaves and branches, and more. Date is TBD but will be put in the weekly announcements so keep a lookout. Talk to Tom Christensen if you're interested in helping!

Synod Assembly

This year's synod assembly will be held on Saturday May 2nd in Mankato, MN. The location is the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center. Terri Heimerman has volunteered to attend with Pr. Liz. We are still in need of a male representative.

Can YOU Help Us?

We have a number of people who depend on our online streaming for their Sunday worship experience. We have three trained operators, and we could use a few more so we can offer our services each Sunday. If you would be willing to learn to serve in this way, please call or text Ginny Grabow at 507-304-0667 or email vgrabow@gmail.com.

Birthdays

3rd Bob Hahn, Donna Meyer
4th Maya Lassiter, Alison Piotter
6th Charlotte Jacoby, Lacey Johnson,
Jason Seely
7th Doug Starkweather
10th Mya Krenik
13th Bill Hensel
14th Reid Johnson, Ethan Wargelin
17th Claire Bateman, Cindy McCabe
24th Dianne Hanson
25th Brandon Koppelman
26th Jayne Martin
27th Mason Thompson
29th Judy Hahn, Max Miller,
Marleen Newbrough

Anniversaries

7th Kevin & Lori Mueller
11th Randy & Micaela Biehn
13th Ross & Holly Baker
19th Scott & Linda Zuhlsdorf
23rd Dan & Sue Griep
Brian & Julie Wagner

Prayer Concerns

Members: Charlotte Jacoby+, George Bauer+, Kevin Mueller+, Karen Johnson+, Bradley Riba+, Michaela Biehn+, Jean Seely+, Jayne Martin+, Dianne Hansen+, Doug Starkweather+, Joanna Starner+, Dan McCabe+

Non-Members: Aiden Domras, Cindy Wieland+, Holly Kallestad+, Deb Vieth+, Gary McCabe+, Corey Hicks, Shawn Heckman+

Those in the military service

Active Military: Brendon Brown, Alex Garrison, Chris Glassel, Tyler Seitz, and Tyler Piotter.

We also pray for all veterans who have served in our nation's Armed Forces.

Please contact oursaviorslutheran1@gmail.com to request changes or prayers.

Prayer concerns will be listed for three weeks unless marked with a "+", which indicates a long-term concern.



Preparing for Worship

4/5 Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24;
Matthew 28:1-10

4/12 2nd Sunday of Easter

1 Peter 1:3-9; Psalm 16; John 20:19-31

4/19 3rd Sunday of Easter

1 Peter 1:17-23; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19;
Luke 24:13-35

4/26 4th Sunday of Easter

1 Peter 2:19-25; Psalm 23; John 10:1-10