

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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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

I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

- Rev. 1:8

Beloved of God,

Grace and peace to you from the one who is, and who was, and who is to come (Rev. 1:4). May is a strange, in between time, especially in Minnesota. Some days feel like spring, then it feels like winter again, and all of the sudden it can be blazing hot. The month is filled with a variety of transitions from winter activities like hockey and ice fishing to warm weather pursuits like golf and gardening. We will celebrate the Class of 2026 and Confirmation/The Affirmation of Faith with our church family. The month of May comes and goes in the blink of an eye

Recently, my sister (who is also a pastor) and I were talking about the difference between the concept of time and the Greek words *chronos* and *kairos* because we are nerdy like that. The Greeks, in their wisdom, had two words for time, "*chronos*" (*χρόνος*) defined as linear, sequential and quantitative time and "*kairos*" (*καιρός*) defined as qualitative, in-the-moment time signifying the opportune moment for action. There is also a season in the church year called "Ordinary Time" which falls outside the two great seasons of Christmastide and Eastertide, or their respective preparatory seasons of Advent and Lent. As we talked, my sister and I wove a picture of time over the seemingly sleepy summer months in the church that lifted the extraordinary from the ordinary, the *kairos* from the *chronos*, because all time belongs to our God for whom time is limitless and unbounded. May all of our hours, days, years and the eternal time yet to come be blessed in Jesus' name.

Peace be yours,

Pr. Liz

May 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Synod Assembly in Mankato
3 Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:00 am	4	5	6	7 Bible Study 10:30 am	8	9
10 Worship 9:00 am Graduate Blessing Mothers Day	11	12	13	14 Bible Study 10:30 am	15	16
17 Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:00 am Affirmatin of Faith Council Mtg 10:00 am	18 Cherry Creek Days planning mtg 6:00 pm	19	20 Make and pray 6:00-8:00 pm	21 Bible Study 10:30 am	22	23
24 Worship 9:00 am	25	26	27	28 Bible Study 10:30 am	29	30
31 Worship 9:00 am Worship Band						

Our Saviors Church - Council Minutes

April 12, 2026

Members present: Marcia, Terri, Tom, Pastor Liz

- **Devotion-Tom**
- **Check-in from members**

Financial Report-Brian unable to attend today's meeting

- Financial report-March giving was reviewed as well as line items on annual budget. Brief discussion on utilities and secretary expense, no action required.
- Approve-Motion by Terri, second by Marcia, March financials approved.
- Rise in property insurance premium. Discussion on the nearly 30% increase of property insurance for upcoming period. Notable is the increase most property owners experienced. Council will begin work on exploring options, which we previously discovered are limited for like properties.

Secretary Minutes – Mar. Approved via email.

Old Business:

- Drinking fountain and water softener for church
Both are installed and appear to be working as they should. We have 1 member of the congregation that has offered to pay the cost of the water softener and 1 that has offered to pay the cost of drinking fountain. Council Thanks both parties!
Conciliation Court update-Tom.
Paperwork has been filed with the court and contractor should be receiving summons for June 3rd hearing. This process is required prior for OSLC to be considered for relief funds from State's Contractor Recovery Fund. Thank you Tom & Marcia Carlson-Hawkins for assisting in this matter.
Marketing OSLC events etc. on Facebook and web-Scott.
Progress on this to be held over to next council meeting.

New Business:

- **Events Calendar – Review; Notables are Bible Camp sign-up, 9th grade confirmation, H.S, graduation, May 3rd Synod meeting.**
- **Tree removal-Tom; Contractor chosen, awaiting date from contractor to begin process. Several congregation members have volunteered to help with clean-up and removal to lessen expense. 2 separate members of congregation have offered to cover this cost. Council Thanks both!!**
- **Spring grounds clean-up-Tom; Plan is to complete this at the same time as tree removal.**
- **Annual ditch clean-up; This was discussed, more info to follow.**
- **Pastor monthly report.** Pastor Liz provided council with list of activities from previous month, thank you Liz!
- **Monthly Thank You's:** Discussion and list provided to Terri who will send out thank you's from council. Thank you to all who helped throughout previous month with church activities.
- **Next Meeting Date:** May 17th, 2026 **Time:** 10am
- **May. Devotions:** Terri
- **Adjourn - Lords' Prayer**

Called to Let Our Light Shine!

OSLC News and Announcements

May Make and Pray

Make & Pray will be held on *May 20th 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 5/13 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!

SEMN Synod Assembly

The 38th annual Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly, "Baptized in Muddy Waters," will be on May 2, 2026. Pr. Liz and Terri Heimerman will represent Our Savior's at this important event.

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod is a faith community of 165 congregations and three Synod Authorized Worshipping Communities as well as related institutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Southeastern Minnesota Synod is one of 65 synods that make up the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Its geographic area includes 15 counties in the southeastern corner of Minnesota.

Class of 2026

On Sunday, May 10th we will honor our graduating seniors during Sunday worship at 9:00 am. Please join us in wishing them well and sending them on to their next ventures with a blessing. Cards and notes may be dropped off in the office before that day or mailed to OSLC, PO Box 277, Cleveland, MN 56017.

Samantha Baker
Anna Kawatski-Klein
Sierra McCabe

Affirmation of Faith

The Rite of Confirmation will be held on

Sunday, May 17th. Congratulations to Lucy Blashko (Stoffle), Tony Hollerich, Jake Mueller, and Blake Stocker!

Community Choir

Save the date! The Saint Peter Community Choir is performing Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 10 at 2:00 p.m. at Bjorling Recital Hall at Gustavus. Pr. Liz and our former office administrator, Emily, would be glad to see you there. All are invited to attend!

Cherry Creek Days Planning

The 2026 Cherry Creek Days will be August 7-9. If you would like to help with an OSLC float and/or booth, there will be a brief informational meeting on Monday, May 18th at 6pm.

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!

Thank You – Waters Flowing

The generosity of our OSLC Community is great! Earlier this spring, our 20+ year-old water fountain went kaput due to the buildup of hardwater minerals. A new fountain and a water softener were installed and the cost covered thanks to a couple of kind donors. Drink up!

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

4th Bruce Johnson
6th William Zimmerman, Reed Miller
8th Jasmine Wolf
12th Lucy McCabe
18th Jeremy Zuhlsdorf
19th Derek Ely, Samantha Beisch,
Dylan Thompson
21st Ross Baker, Cindy Flowers
26th Joann Voss, Steve Wolf
27th Kyle Ziebarth

Anniversaries

5th Craig & Anne Miller
29th Andi & Scott Lassiter
31st Nathan & Emmy Bateman
Emily & Ryan Ponwith

Preparing For Worship

5/3 Fifth Sunday of Easter
1 Peter 2:2-10; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16;
John 14:1-14

5/10 Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts
17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; John 14:15-
21

5/17 Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts
1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; John
17:1-11

5/24 Day of Pentecost
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; Psalm
104:24-34, 35b; John 20:19-23

5/31 The Holy Trinity
Romans 8:12-17; Psalm 8; Matthew
28:16-20

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+, Molly Stoffel+

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

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