

Coming Up At OSL



This is a **quick peek** at what is coming up at Our Savior's Lutheran.
For a **full overview**, please go to [Coming Up at OSL](#) on the OSL website!

Events



Christmas Worship Services

Saturday December 20th, 5:00pm: Festive Worship
"Sing We Noel" Cantata

Sunday December 21st, 10:00am: Festive Worship
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Wednesday, December 24th:

2:30pm: Celebrate Worship 4:00pm: Festive Worship
5:30pm: Celebrate Worship 7:00pm: Festive Worship

Thursday, December 25th, 10:00am: Festive Worship

Saturday, December 27th, 5:00pm: Festive Worship

Sunday, December 28th, 10:00am: Celebrate Worship

Advent Worship service times

Join us for Advent Worship at Noon or 6:40 PM the next two weeks.
OSL will provide a soup and pie lunch following the noon service and prior to the evening service, starting at 5:15pm.

Christmas Program Set Build - Volunteers Needed!

Saturday, December 6th at 3:00 PM we are looking for volunteers to help build the risers and set for this year's Christmas Program! We'll meet in the Sanctuary and move the 4x4 panels into place. Many hands make light work as we prepare for this special Sunday.

Faith and Ferment Advent Gathering

Scott and Beth Boyens will welcome the Faith and Ferment gathering to their home on Thursday, December 4. We will stick to the 7 p.m. start time. This night will be both a chance to continue conversations about current social concerns but also to just enjoy the early days of our Advent season with one another. (Just be ready, there may be a Holiday sing along!) Please contact the Church Office at 605-336-2942 for an address.

Vikings Night at OSL

Vikings Night (previously Midnight Madness) is Sunday, December 7th and we are excited to welcome the college students who have finals! There will be dinner provided, desserts, and a quiet space to work from 6:00PM- Midnight! We are looking for volunteers, so please call the Church Office or sign-up at the Welcome Center to serve!

VIKINGS NIGHT
@ OSL CHURCH

**ENJOY DINNER,
DESSERTS, AND
A QUIET SPACE**

**STUDY
FOR FINALS IN OSL
CHURCH**

**DECEMBER 7TH
6PM - MIDNIGHT**

We are looking for Christmas Eve Candle Dancers

Dancers sought for the Christmas Eve Candle Dance, held Wednesday, December 24th at all four services. This longtime Our Savior's tradition involves carrying a candle globe with a flame, and is open to those in Grade 5 through adult. Rehearsal is Sunday, December 21, after worship at 11:15 am. Dancers are encouraged to participate in all four services, but this is not a requirement. Contact Grace Wehrspann, gracewehrspann@gmail.com, or Deanna Wehrspann, dwehrspann@oslchurch.com, 605 336-2942 ext. 37.

Honor the one you love this season

Poinsettias will beautify our worship spaces during our Christmas services. If you would like to honor a special person or occasion, remember a loved one or friend, or show gratitude for God's many blessings, please stop at the Welcome Center in the Gathering Place today or in the church office during the week. Submit your name and the person, occasion, or blessing you are honoring, along with your payment of \$15, and their names will appear in the bulletin insert on Christmas Eve. Plants may be picked up after the Christmas Eve worship services.



*Purchase a Poinsettia in Honor
or Memory of a Loved One.*



Christmas Program on Sunday, December 7th

Join us for the Christmas Program at the 11:00 AM Festive Service on December 7th! Kids with speaking parts or solos should arrive at 9:00 AM for a final practice and costume prep.

Blessing Bags will be ready Friday!

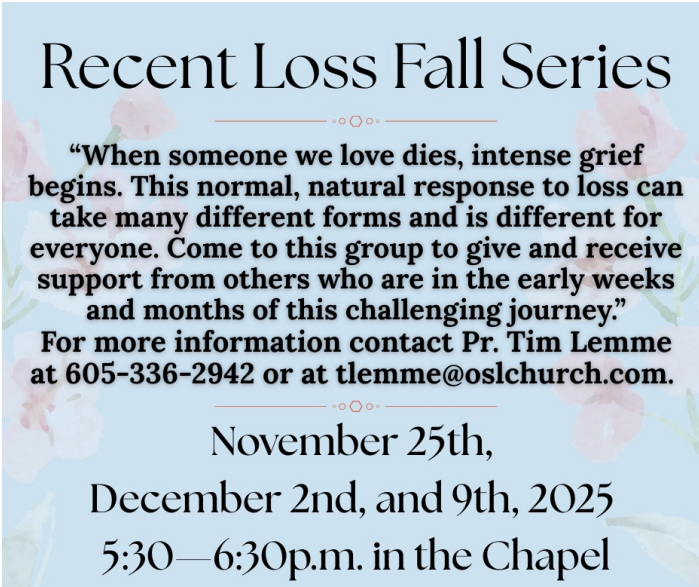
Help Deliver Blessing Bags on Sunday, December 7th. We invite you to help share joy with our homebound members. Blessing Bags will be available in the Gathering Place, each with a label for easy delivery. Thank you for helping us spread love and care this Advent season!

Get to know Pastor Michael

Pastor Michael is hosting a coffee hour on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Gathering Place from 8:00 to 9:00 AM during the first three weeks of December. He will also be there during evening meals on Wednesday nights from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. All are welcome to join.

No one is alone in grief

December 9th from 5:30-6:30pm we will have our Recent Loss ~ Fall Series. When someone we love dies, intense grief begins. This normal, natural response to loss can take many different forms and is different for everyone. Come to this group to give and receive support from others who are in the early weeks and months of this challenging journey. For more information contact Pr. Tim Lemme at 605-336-2942 or at tlemme@oslchurch.com.



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**November 25th,
December 2nd, and 9th, 2025
5:30—6:30p.m. in the Chapel**

Houseboat Trip Information Meeting

Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Place current 8th–12th graders and their parents/guardians are invited to an informational meeting about the 2026 Houseboat Trip in Northern Minnesota. Join us to learn about the trip, ask questions, and begin the registration process. Priority for spots will be given to those who attend the meeting!

YOU ARE INVITED to a FREE Charitable Giving session

“How to Give More” by Mark Schlueter with Thrivent Charitable Giving.
Thursday, December 11th with Bread Break from 5:30-6:30 PM
Located at Messiah New Hope Lutheran Church 5001 E Madison St.

Mark will share ideas for End of Year Giving, Donor Advised Funds, Qualified Charitable Distributions, and more. This is a non-sales based way to learn more about charitable giving options, and how to support

your favorite non-profits including your own church. You do not need to be a Thrivent member to attend. Please
RSVP: breadbreaksf@gmail.com

Get your blood pressure checked!

Sunday, December 14th, OSL will provide blood pressure screenings between services.

Pastor Michael's Installation

Sunday, December 14th (Both Services) we will hold Pastor Michael's Installation. Following the Festive service, we will serve lunch at noon and share a meal with chicken and sides provided by OSL. Members are invited to bring treats to share on this wonderful day.

Mini-Ministry Fair Upcoming...

OSL's next Mini-Ministry Fair will be on December 14th. We will highlight the Knitting Ministry, the Woodshop Ministry and the Card Recycling Ministry. They will be available in the Gathering Place to answer questions and for you to learn more about their ministry.

High School Youth Group

Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 PM | Meet in the Hub
HS Youth Group will meet next on December 17th for a night of Random Acts of Service! We'll gather in the Youth Room before heading out to spread kindness around the church and community.

Opportunities | Reminders



Hockey Parking Fundraiser volunteers!

Our next Augie Hockey Parking Fundraiser is December 5th and 6th. Funds from this weekend will go towards VBS.

The following Augie Hockey Parking Fundraiser is December 12th & 13th. This weekend will support our Property Ministry. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the Church Office to volunteer or sign-up [here](#)

Lift up our newly commissioned Stephen Ministers

On November 23rd at the Celebrate service, OSL commissioned four new Stephen Ministers: Vangie Jarman, Karen Kratochvil, Rhonda Mitchell, and Tom Schiefelbein. These folks have been through 50 hours of specialized training in Christian caregiving and join our existing Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receiver for around an hour to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support for the person. Caring relationships last for as long as the person's need persists.

Please lift up our new Stephen Ministers in your prayers, asking that God bless their ministry and work through them to bring hope and healing to those with whom they meet. Pray also for the continued ministry of OSL's other Stephen Ministers. OSL has maintained and active Stephen Ministry program since 1988, one of more than 13,000 worldwide that use the Stephen Series system of lay caring ministry developed by Stephen Ministries in St. Louis.

Rejoice and Be Festive: Christmas Sweater Sunday!

On Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 AM, join us for a special time of worship and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. To make the day extra festive, we invite you to wear your favorite Christmas sweater—or the ugliest one you can find! We also encourage you to wear your Norwegian sweaters or any traditional jumper! As we gather in God's house, let's remember the words of Psalm 118:24: *"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* Come ready to rejoice, laugh, and share the warmth of Christ's love with one another. Bring a friend and let's celebrate the season together!

The Lineup is Here

The countdown is officially ON! Beyond the Books returns April 24–25, 2026 - and we can't wait to welcome you back for another unforgettable celebration of storytelling.

We've been working behind the scenes to craft an incredible lineup... and it's almost time to share.

- ☐ 4 authors.
- ☐ 2 days.
- ☐ 1 unforgettable experience.

Stay tuned as we unveil each of our 2026 featured authors over the next few days!



Want to Help?

Looking for folding tables for Mahjong

If you have any extra folding tables, the Mahjong club is looking for a few for their games on Tuesdays. Please call the Church Office if you have a table you'd like to donate.

Help wrap up the year

We are collecting rolls of wrapping paper and rolls of scotch tape for our school staff at Susan B. Anthony. Donations can be dropped off in the library or at the Welcome Desk thru December 11th!

Volunteers wanted for Christmas Eve services

Ushers and Communion Servers are needed for the Christmas Eve Worship services. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the Church Office.

[Digital bulletins are available](#) for you to use with your mobile device, whether you worship from home or at OSL.

Coming Up at OSL has all the details - and more! - in [Coming Up at OSL](#), on the OSL website!

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