



Throughout Lent, we carried our broken pots. We named the cracks and the places where life has not held together the way we hoped. We acknowledged the fractures in our world, in our relationships, and even within ourselves. And instead of hiding them, we brought them forward. We trusted that God does not turn away from what is broken, but meets us there. Lent gave us permission to be honest. Easter invites us to see those same broken pots differently because the resurrection does not simply replace what is broken with something brand new. It meets us in the brokenness and begins to fill it with life. The risen Christ still carries wounds. The tomb is empty, but the scars remain. And that tells us something important. Our cracks do not disqualify us from God's work. In fact, they may be exactly where God's light shines through. As Children of God, we are not called to wait until we are "put back together." We are sent as we are. You are cracked, imperfect, and still being shaped and called to share the good news of Jesus Christ in a world that is desperately in need. This past month, we lifted up partners like Charis Ministries and Bread Break in forums between services. These ministries do not wait for a perfect world before they act. They step directly into places of need offering food, dignity, presence, and hope. Along with many others in our community, they show us what it looks like when broken pots are placed into God's hands and used to pour out love. This is what God calls us to . . . God takes what feels insufficient and uses it to bless. God takes what is cracked and makes it a vessel. God takes what is broken and sends it into the world with purpose. So as we move into this Easter season, we do not leave our broken pots behind. We carry them differently. We carry them knowing they are not signs of failure, but signs of where God has already been at work in us. We carry them as vessels of grace. We carry them as people who have seen that even death does not have the final word.

In this season of Easter I invite you to show up. Show up to share hope in small and meaningful ways. Show up to trust that God can use even us. Show up because Easter is not just about what God has done.

It is about what God is still doing through people like us.

Our church is a broken pot. Filled with resurrection life. Poured out for the sake of the world.

Christ is risen. And we are sent.

Blessings, Pastor Michael

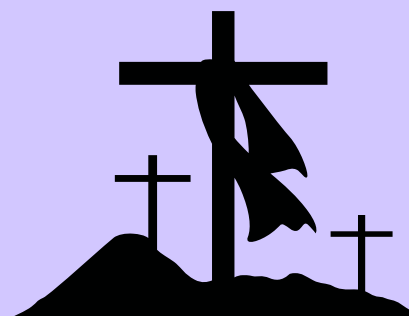
Holy Week



April 2nd | 12 pm & 6:30 pm
Celebrate Center

Good Friday

April 3rd | 6:30 pm
Sanctuary



April 4th

NO

SATURDAY

SERVICE

Easter Sunday

7:00 am & 11:00 am

Sanctuary



8:45 am

Celebrate Center

Library News

From Kristie Schreck, Library Coordinator

Library Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9a.m.-Noon;

Wed. 9a.m.-6p.m. (NEW); Sat. 4:30-6p.m.;

Sun. 9:30a.m-12:15p.m. | www.oslchurch.com/library/

April is a BIG month

April is a BIG month for our OSL Community Library & Church! We have the opportunity to bring you a literary gala & festival like nothing else in the area. Our library team has been working year-round to bring Beyond the Books to our patrons and community that reaches beyond our walls. Everyone is invited to create memories and experiences that will last far beyond April 24th & 25th. Come join us Friday evening for a night of conversation, cocktails, live jazz music, dinner by Minervas, and meet/greet our four featured authors, Lorna Landvik, Allen Eskens, Stu Whitney, & Paul LaRoche (founder of Brule). We give thanks to the Elmen Family and their generous support and love for literacy and our community library! Saturday brings a day filled with each author having a designated time to speak, sign autographs, and take photos as well as a literacy rich vendor fair, breakfast snacks, lunch, and time to make new friends and bond with family/friends you already love.

Tables will be on sale until April 10th or until they sell out! Table sales are tickets for both Friday & Saturday events! Individual "Saturday only" tickets will be on sale until April 22nd. There are no "Friday only" tickets. Stop by the library for more information or to purchase tickets.

Unfortunately, tickets will not be available at the door Friday or Saturday so make sure you plan ahead!

None of this would be possible without the amazing library volunteers and the support from the OSL custodial team, tech team, kitchen ministry, and staff!

Scan the QR code to purchase your ticket.

- Gala + Festival: \$100
- Festival Only: \$50



Thank you OSL woodshop!

Our OSL Community Library is beyond grateful to our OSL Woodshop Ministry!

Earlier this year the library team had to face the reality that we were simply running out of room for our children's books. What a great problem to have! We brainstormed ways we could rearrange and or relocate books and ultimately came up with the solution to ask our Woodshop Ministry if they would consider making us two more bookshelves! Their answer was, "We'll figure it out!" and that's exactly what they did! Our two new four-shelf bookcases now join most of the other bookshelves in the library that were also created by our woodshop! What a gift! Please stop in and check out the bookshelves while perusing our excellent selection of books! Thank you woodshop volunteers from the bottom of our hearts!



Right after Christmas Pastor Michael introduced Our Savior's theme for 2026 – Shine. During the Christmas and Epiphany seasons this was a perfect theme for selecting music. For Lent Pastor Michael introduced the theme of Broken and Blessed but still under the umbrella of Shine. We started with the song “Beautiful Things” – You make beautiful things out of dust & You make beautiful things out of us. And we also had the choir sing “Dust in the Wind” by the band Kansas with Denny Gale playing guitar.

These songs echo scriptures in Ecclesiastes that contain often confusing messages for us (all is vanity). But recently I've been realizing that Ecclesiastes isn't about vanity as much as it's about our being made for eternal life with God. This turns my negative thinking of being dust in the wind to a positive as I realize we are created for eternal life in heaven.

Travis Cottrell composed a new refrain for the old hymn, “Just As I Am,” which we used during Lent in our Wednesday noon and Sunday Celebrate worship. I think this text was an incredible way to express our Broken and Blessed theme.

*I come broken to be mended
I come wounded to be healed
I come desperate to be rescued
I come empty to be filled
I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the Lamb
And I'm welcomed with open arms
Praise God
Just as I am*

Here on earth we come broken, wounded, desperate, empty, and guilty.
And Jesus mends, heals, rescues, fills, and pardons us – we are blessed!

Faith Community Nurse Charting

by Lea Delay

Bike Rodeo at OSL

Save the date of May 17th because OSL is hosting a community bike rodeo! Bike Rodeos are an educational community outreach activity supported by “Don't Thump Your Melon,” a South Dakota EMS for Children program. This event offers children in the community the chance to actively learn and demonstrate bike skills and safety. Bicycle and helmet inspections will ensure that spring and summer riding go smoothly. Don't have a properly fitted helmet? We have over 140 on hand to give out to children in the community! The fun runs from noon to 2:00 p.m. Walking tacos will be available for a free will donation. And one lucky attendee will win a special door prize. Bring your bikes, helmets and friends, and we hope to see you there!

Spring Parkinson's Awareness Conference

South Dakota Parkinson Foundation will host its spring awareness conference on Saturday, April 25th at the Sioux Falls Convention Center from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Keynote speaker this year is Maryum Ali, eldest of Muhammad Ali's children. This is a FREE event that has in-person and virtual options available. To inquire or register, visit their website www.southdakotaparkinson.org or call 605-271-6113.

Finance Updates:

This summarized cash-basis Statement of Activity is a snapshot of the membership's financial support of the General Fund (daily ministry) of Our Savior's Lutheran Church through February. Through February, our net operating income sits at \$163,681.82 compared to -\$49,322.13 through February last year. Thank you all for making OSL the wonderful place that it is! God Bless and Happy Easter everyone
 Rudy Kreyer
 OSL Director of Operations

| OSL Statement of Activity - 7.1.25 through 2.28.25 | |
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| General Fund Offerings | \$1,103,684.06 |
| Noisy Offerings | \$3,612.04 |
| Building Use Income | \$43,567.33 |
| Building & Renovation Fund | \$18,800.00 |
| Memorials/Estate Gifts | \$10,649.69 |
| OSL Foundation Income | \$14,950.44 |
| Designated Gifts | \$50,068.00 |
| Spiritual Care | \$20,373.65 |
| Youth Ministry/Lifelong Learning Donations | \$17,816.00 |
| Beyond the Books 2026 Income | \$12,675.00 |
| TV Ministry & Worship Donations | \$19,450.00 |
| Discipleship Income – Food Ministry & Events | \$8,378.26 |
| Hockey Parking | \$20,172.00 |
| Total Offerings: July - February | \$1,344,196.47 |
| Facility Expenses | \$210,229.55 |
| Administration Expenses | \$72,772.44 |
| Personnel | \$661,638.93 |
| Professional Expenses | \$6,269.00 |
| Ministry Teams Expenses | \$108,104.87 |
| Benevolence | \$121,499.86 |
| Total Expenses: July - February | (\$1,180,514.65) |
| Net Operating Income: July - February | \$163,681.82 |

Community Updates:

During 2025, the OSL Foundation provided \$153,000 in support of various ministries at our church. We anticipate a similar amount will be available to support ministries this year. Please contact the church office if you have questions or would like to learn more about requesting financial assistance with a ministry need. The Our Savior's Lutheran Church Foundation will be offering free information sessions on Sunday, April 12, at 10:00 a.m. and noon in the Friendship Room. Kathy McHenry, executive director of Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota, will share helpful information on wills, estate planning, and other charitable giving topics. She will also answer any questions you may have. Similar sessions held last year were well attended. Please consider attending to learn more. These sessions are informational only and will focus on education and questions you may have. This is not a sales presentation. A light lunch will be served at the noon session. Please notify the church office (605-336-2942) if you will be attending the noon session to help with lunch plans. A sign-up is also available at the welcome center.

Tim Schavee ~ Manager of Property & Facilities

We are excited to announce our new OSL team member Tim Schavee. He will serve as OSL's Manager of Property and Facilities. Tim has been a part of the congregation since 1987 and addresses every task with grace while prioritizing a fun and productive environment. Tim has fraternal twin daughters! In the winter, you will find him at the hockey rink cheering. We can't express how **EXCITED** we are to have such a dedicated steward serve OSL.



Bible Study | Misunderstood Bible Passages

Sometimes the most quoted Bible verses are also the most misunderstood. In this four-week study we will explore passages that people often use in ways that miss their deeper meaning. Together we will look at the context of these verses and discover how the broader witness of scripture can lead us to richer and more compassionate interpretations. Come to one week or all four.

Week 1 - "Judge Not"

What did Jesus really mean when he said "Judge not"? We will explore the difference between condemnation and accountability and discover how Jesus calls us to humility rather than silence.

Week 2 - "Everything Happens for a Reason?"

Does the Bible really say God causes everything that happens? We will look at Romans 8 and other scriptures that speak honestly about suffering while still pointing to hope.

Week 3 - "I Can Do All Things"

Often used as a motivational slogan, this verse from Philippians actually speaks about endurance and contentment. What does it mean to find strength through Christ in difficult seasons?

Week 4 - "God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle"

This familiar phrase is often attributed to the Bible but may not mean what we think. We will explore what scripture actually promises about temptation, struggle, and the importance of community.

Four-week Bible Study with Pastor Michael

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. beginning April 14th | Thursdays at 11 am beginning April 16th

Location: The Gathering Place

Stephen Ministry at OSL

Although winter has been pretty good to us this year, and the Robins with their return have brought us the promise of spring, these months can still be a difficult time for some of us.

As I write this article, the ground is covered with a blanket of snow, and the cold wind still nips at my nose. Cabin fever has a firm grip on my spirit, much like it does on the depressed Robin sitting outside my window hunched over on a snow-covered branch. There's a longing for the warmth of spring in both our souls.

We all have a need at times for the warm reassurance of tomorrow, where things will be better for us.

Perhaps you are going through a time like this. It's not just the weather or the seasons that affect what's going on inside us. Sometimes it's what 'life' has brought our way. Sometimes, we just need a little reassurance that we are not alone. A listening ear, a caring friend, a kind word or two is what we need to bring healing to our soul. A Stephen Minister can be this source of healing to you.

If you would like to know more about how a Stephen Minister can be this kind of friend, contact the Church Office and ask for me, Pr. Tim. I'd be happy to answer your questions, and, if you choose, provide you with a Stephen Minister of your own. It may be just what you need to help you through this time.

May God's peace be with you all!

In Christ's love, Pr. Tim

Interested in Joining Our Savior's?

Join us on Sunday, April 19th and 26th between Services to find out more about the church. If you cannot make one of these meetings we will find a way to welcome you in. The following week we invite you to officially join the church at one of the services the first weekend in May at the service of your preference.

Friendship Club on April 7th

On April 7th, we welcome a representative of Midwest Street Medicine to Friendship Club. They are a multi-disciplinary team comprised of doctors, physician assistants, nurses, pharmacists, addiction specialists, social workers, and peer support specialists. Their work provides whole-person care to those experiencing homelessness, with consideration for the unique needs of each individual. The team brings care directly to the streets. We will begin at 11 a.m. and follow with lunch in the Gathering Place.

Faith & Ferment on April 9th

Thursday, April 9th, from 7-8:30 p.m. we will meet at the Roundhouse Brew Pub (1515 E 69th St, Sioux Falls.) This night will be a chance to continue conversations about current social concerns we face. This month we will be a light-hearted discussion about the influences of music in our lives and its impact on faith and justice. We look forward to a productive conversation in a welcoming space where all are welcome!



Braver Angels Debate on April 13th

Come join a debate at Augustana University in the Chapel Gathering Place. All are invited to participate, offer their perspective and learn best practices for civil debate over complex issues. It will be hosted from 6-7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13th.

Go birding with OSL on April 22nd

The Creation Care Team has arranged for a birding outing with Dr. Amy Lewis on April 22 (Earth Day). We will meet at the Outdoor Campus at 6pm for a guided birdwatching walk. The Outdoor Campus is located at 4500 S. Oxbow Ave. In Sertoma Park. Bring binoculars and a friend!

Augustana Performing at OSL on May 9th

Get ready for a musical celebration like no other! Collegium and School of Music ensembles will come together to perform the majestic Bach's Mass in B Minor on May 9, 2026! Experience the grandeur and spiritual beauty of this timeless masterpiece, performed by an incredible lineup including the Augustana Bach Collegium, Augustana Choir, Angelus, VikingKor, and the Augustana Orchestra. Join us at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD, for an unforgettable weekend of breathtaking music and community spirit. This is an event you won't want to miss! [Click here for tickets to this wonderful event!](#)

Vacation Bible School 2026 ~ Rainforest Falls

Get ready for an exciting adventure at Vacation Bible School: Rainforest Falls! This summer, kids will journey through a vibrant rainforest setting as they discover the amazing nature of God. Through stories, games, music, science, and creative activities, children will learn powerful truths about who God is:

- God is our Creator!
- God is our Safe Place!
- God is Love!
- God is Forever!

Each morning will be filled with energy, laughter, and meaningful moments as kids rotate through engaging stations designed to help them experience these truths in fun and memorable ways.

Registration is now open, and the deadline for kids to sign up is May 20th. We encourage families to register early so we can prepare for an incredible week together. Enter this link in your browser to register: vbspro.events/p/0645d6

To make VBS possible, we need a wonderful team of volunteers! One of the most important roles is a Crew Leader. Crew Leaders guide a small group of about five kids from station to station and serve as a friendly helper and encourager throughout the morning. Anyone who has completed 6th grade is eligible to be a Crew Leader, making this a great opportunity for middle schoolers, high schoolers, and adults to serve together! We are also looking for Rotation Leaders to help lead our rotation stations, including.

These roles require preparation and leading kids in activities, these roles would be great for educators for all areas: Bible Story Leaders (works best with two people,) Sticky Scripture Leader, Game Leader, Imagination Station Leaders (works best with two people.)

VBS was truly the highlight of the summer last year—just ask anyone who helped! It was a joyful week full of laughter, faith, and connection. This year, we would love to see some new faces volunteering and building relationships with the youngest generation at Our Savior's. If you have ever thought about helping with VBS, this is the perfect year to jump in. Contact Madeline for more information!



Sunday School Changes & April Trial

During the month of March, we hosted two Sunday School parent meetings to talk together about what is working well and what could be improved. Out of those conversations, a new idea was born for how we might structure Sunday mornings.

Rather than making a permanent change right away, we are going to try a *three-week trial run* in April (after Easter) to see how it works and to help us discern what adjustments might be helpful as we plan for the fall.

Here is what the new Sunday morning rhythm will look like during the April trial:

During Worship

- After Kid Talk during the Celebrate Service, the children can leave with Madeline and go to the Chapel for a short kids' message and song time.
- Children will return to the service during the Sharing of the Peace.
- The same opportunity will also be offered during the Festive Service, so children attending that service can participate in the same lesson and song time as well.

Sunday School Hour

- Sunday School will be shortened to 30 minutes, running from 10:00–10:30 a.m.
- Children will go directly to their classrooms rather than gathering in the Hub (less transitions=good).

Pick-Up & Family Time

- Parents should pick up their children from their classrooms at 10:30 a.m..
- If children are not picked up by 10:35 a.m., teachers will bring them to the Nursery for pick-up!
- From 10:30–10:50 a.m., we will open up a few spaces for families to enjoy time together:
- The gym will be open for parents and kids to play together. Each child must have their own adult supervising them in the gym.
- The Nursery will also be open, and we will expand the age range during this time to include elementary-aged children.
- And of course, the Library is always open on Sunday mornings.

During the April trial, we will also experiment with Sunday School rotations, where children rotate through different activities and learning stations. If you would be willing to help with this three-week trial by serving as a rotation leader, please reach out to Madeline or sign up on our website!

Finally, I want to share a heartfelt thank you to our Sunday School parents and teachers. The reason we can try new ideas like this is because of the incredible culture you have created. Your willingness to share feedback, offer ideas, and trust the process makes it possible for us to experiment, learn, and sometimes even fail in the service of creating something better for our youngest members. That kind of partnership is truly special. I am deeply grateful for your encouragement, your creativity, and your commitment to the children of Our Savior's. We are building this ministry together, and I am so thankful to walk alongside you in it.



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Worship is central to Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

We offer two distinct worship styles:

A traditional (organ/piano) service in our Sanctuary on Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. and on Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

Our Contemporary service is on Sunday 8:45 a.m. in the Celebrate Center with our praise band inspiring our time together



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OSL Website



YouTube Live
(Recommended)



Facebook Live

Watch our Celebrate worship at 9:00 a.m. on Fox station KDLT.

Watch our Festive worship on cable channel 30 at 1:00 p.m.