

November 7th-8th | New Member Recognition

We are excited to welcome new members into our OSL family at all three services the weekend of November 7th-8th.

November 8th | Forum: Charis Ministry Partners

All are welcome to join us for the Outside Our Walls forum on Sunday, November 8th at 10am in the Friendship Room. In November, Outside Our Walls is partnering with Charis Ministries, a ministry of 13 ELCA congregations in our area. Todd Smith will join us to share about Charis Ministries, and specifically their Food To You program. Come and hear how we can work together to gather food donations, support financially, and volunteer to help between 350 and 500 people per week at the food distributions.

The food of the month is peanut butter. If you would like to donate, please bring donations to the bins next to the Church Office.

November 8th | Blood Mobile at OSL

The Blood Mobile will be returning to OSL on Sunday, November 8th from 8am-12pm! Your donation can make a lifesaving difference for patients and families right here in the Sioux Falls community. All donors will receive a $15 Scooters gift card!

Please consider giving blood and helping save a life. Schedule your donation time at the link below.

Sign Up Here

Stephen Ministry at OSL

Stephen Ministry Weekend: November 7 & 8
Stephen Ministry Forum: 10:00 am, Nov. 15 in the Office Conference Room
Stephen Series classes: starting January 5

Since 1975, churches worldwide have been using Stephen Ministry to offer one-to-one support to people who are facing difficult times in life, connecting them with well-trained lay congregation members called Stephen Ministers. OSL became a Stephen Ministry congregation in 1988 with a class of 21 lay members, and the Stephen Ministry has remained active since its inception.
When you are facing the loss of a loved one, divorce, job loss, medical crisis, or another challenging life situation, a Stephen Minister is equipped to walk alongside you and help you carry those burdens. They provide a non-judgmental presence, a patient listening ear, and an intentional focus on you and your needs.

For more information about the OSL Stephen Ministry program, you are invited to attend the forum at 10am on Sunday, November 15. If you are a good listener or would like to be trained to be a good listener, consider joining the Stephen Series classes starting in January. You will be blessed. We all need help at times, and Stephen Ministers are there for those moments. If you are going through a tough time, you do not need to handle it alone. Give yourself the gift of a Stephen Minister. To learn more and request a Stephen Minister, contact Pr. Tim.

Audio & TV Operators Needed

Audio and TV operators are needed for worship services. Training will be provided and your schedule is flexible to match your availability. Having good hearing and a spirit to serve is all that is needed. Contact Gene LeVasseur, our Director of Worship or call the Church Office at 605-336-2942 to give it a try.

November 15th | Carroll Institute Forum

OSL member Kristi VanDeRostyne has graciously offered her time, expertise, and experience to present education for adult forum time on Sunday, November 15th. Kristi, Prevention Services and Program Manager at the Carroll Institute, will be providing education on topics

such as substance use disorders, signs of substance abuse, and how to get help. We are looking forward to learning more about this important and prevalent topic.



Congregation Forum

Join us for a Congregation Forum on **Saturday, November 21, following worship**, or **Sunday, November 22, at 10:00 a.m.** Bring your questions and be part of the conversation and fellowship as we gather. We look forward to seeing you there.

November 17th | The Greater Good Speaking Event

Join us for a Congregation Forum on **Saturday, November 21, following worship**, or **Sunday, November 22, at 10:00 a.m.** Bring your questions and be part of the conversation and fellowship as we gather. We look forward to seeing you there.



Bible Study: Beyond The Surface

You are invited to join Pastor Michael for our OSL Bible Study: **Beyond The Surface: Preparing for the Songs of Advent.** We meet on Tuesdays at 7pm and Thursdays at 11am. This session will meet November 10th & 12th, November 17th & 19th, and December 1st & 3rd.

Songs tell a story:
Advent is a season of waiting, expectation, and hope. Some of our most familiar Christmas hymns are actually deeply rooted in the promises of Scripture. They invite us to look beyond the manger and consider the larger story of God's relationship with humanity.
In this three-week Bible study, we will sing and explore three beloved hymns, explore their biblical foundations, and the ways their messages speak to our lives today.

Bible Study Gathering Schedule:

- Week One: “Lo, How a rose, er blooming.”
- Week Two: “Of the Fathers Love Begotten”
- Week Three:”Come thou long expected Jesus"

Each week we will sing, read, reflect, and discuss. Together, we will discover how these familiar songs carry the deeper story of God's promises, God's presence, and God's continuing work in the world.

Sign up not required, come when it works for you!

Augustana Hockey Parking

You are invited to volunteer with OSL at our Augustana Hockey Parking Fundraisers for the 2026-2027 season! This is a great way for all ages to serve together and help raise funds for OSL programs and partner organizations.

Check out the list of dates and organizations below and sign up to serve at OSL!

Sign Up Here!

Hockey Parking Fundraiser Schedule

Date:	Time:	Organization:
Friday, November 13	5:30pm-7:30pm	Sioux Falls Cares
Saturday, November 14	4:30pm-6:30pm	Creation Care
Friday, December 4	5:30pm-7:30pm	VBS
Saturday, December 5	4:30pm-6:30pm	VBS
Friday, December 18	5:30pm-7:30pm	ELCA World Hunger
Saturday, December 19	4:30pm-6:30pm	ELCA World Hunger
Friday, January 8	5:30pm-7:30pm	High School Youth Group
Saturday, January 9	4:30pm-6:30pm	High School Youth Group
Friday, January 22	5:30pm-7:30pm	Confirmation
Saturday, January 23	4:30pm-6:30pm	Confirmation
Friday, February 12	5:30pm-7:30pm	St Dysmas
Saturday, February 13	4:30pm-6:30pm	Necessities For Neighbors
Friday, February 26	5:30pm-7:30pm	Midwest Street Medicine
Saturday, February 27	4:30pm-6:30pm	Feeding South Dakota



November 22nd & November 23rd | Decorate OSL

You are invited to join us to help put up Christmas decorations at Our Savior's on Sunday, November 22nd after worship. We will gather for lunch, provided in the Friendship Room at noon and decorating will be from 12:30-3:00pm. We will put Thanksgiving decorations away and then

put up our Christmas decorations to prepare for the upcoming holiday season.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us move Celebrate Center chairs into the round set-up on Monday, November 23rd at 9am.

Sign up not required, all are welcome to join and help us prepare our worship spaces and church building for the upcoming Christmas season!



Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, we celebrated six incredible 9th graders as they affirmed their baptism and took another step in their journey of faith! Confirmation isn't the end of their faith journey, but another beginning. We are so proud of

you and can’t wait to see how God continues to work in and through your lives. God bless each of you!



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500 Items for Feeding South Dakota

We collected 1050 items for Feeding South Dakota! And because of your generosity and our partnership with Thrivent, they will donate an additional $500 to Feeding South Dakota!

"A huge thank you to everyone who contributed, volunteered, donated, and supported our food drive for Feeding South Dakota hosted by Rejoice Circle! Your generosity, kindness, and willingness to come together made this event a success. Because of you, we were able to make a difference and help those in need. We truly appreciate each and every one of you!" ~Arlean Jensen, chair



Share the Gift of Worship Through Our TV Ministry

Our Savior's Lutheran Church's TV Ministry is a meaningful extension of our worship ministry, bringing God's Word, music, and message of hope to those who are unable to join us in person. Each weekend broadcast offers worship, comfort, and encouragement to those who are homebound, facing health challenges, traveling, or living far from Sioux Falls. Through this ministry, lives are touched by God's Word in ways we may never fully know.

We invite you to celebrate a special occasion, honor a loved one, remember someone dear, or support this important ministry by sponsoring a weekend broadcast for $250. Sponsors are recognized by having their name, or the name of the person being honored or remembered, included in the broadcast credits and printed in the weekend bulletins. A TV Ministry sponsorship is a lasting way to share faith, hope, and love while helping others stay connected to worship and the church family.

To sponsor a broadcast, please contact the Church Office at 605-336-2942 at least two weeks before your desired weekend.

Thank you for helping us reach hearts, strengthen faith, and share the love of Christ with our community and beyond.

December 6th | Vikings Night

We are excited to host another Vikings Night at OSL on Sunday, December 6th! College students are invited to come to OSL for a time of studying before finals week, games in the Gym, and lots of good food!



We need volunteers to help serve food as well as bring snacks and treats for the students. You can sign up at the links below or at the Welcome Desk! Thank you for helping us invite students into our space and make OSL a place they feel welcome!

Volunteer

Snacks & Treats

The Light We Share

Hear a short message from Pastor Michael on our 2027 Stewardship Campaign: The Light We Share.



Recycling at OSL

Recycling bins have been placed in convenient locations around the Gathering Place. With so many great events happening in our space, you can really help out by using the signs to sort your trash. Your small act of sorting can inspire others!







Egypt 2027 Interest Form

Interested in joining OSL on our trip to Egypt in the fall of 2027? Fill out the interest form below to get more information!

Egypt 2027 Interest Form

Order Your OSL Logo Wear!

OSL now has an online shirt store!
Order and pay directly through the company's website: **click here.**

Order OSL Shirts Here!

Luther Seminary Resources

Luther Seminary partnered with the Outside Our Walls ministry at OSL this fall to share about the many resources they offer.

Here are links to a few of them!

- Enter the Bible now has two podcasts. Find the podcast or episode that piques your curiosity!

Podcasts

- The Enter the Bible Newsletter is a monthly newsletter where you can catch the latest podcast episodes, blog posts, and more.

Sign Up to Receive Enter The Bible Newsletter

Stephen Ministry

November 7th-8th is Stephen Ministry weekend at OSL, when we lift up the OSL Stephen Ministry program. Are you going through a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. To find out more, contact Pr. Tim.
If you are feeling the call to become a Stephen Minister, prayerfully consider joining the Stephen Series classes starting in January. You will be blessed.

Click here to find a PDF version of the Coming Up!

Our calendar is ALWAYS up-to-date, so please click here to view it!

You can find our digital bulletins here for you to use with your mobile device, whether you worship from home or at OSL.

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