

## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP



### Christmas Eve Sat., Dec. 24

Candlelight Services with Holy Communion

12:30 p.m. Organ-led Christmas Worship  
with Children's Message

2:30 & 4:30 p.m. Band-led Christmas Worship  
with Children's Message

9:00 p.m. Organ-led Christmas Worship

Streaming worship at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m., only



### Christmas Day Sun., Dec. 25

8:30 a.m. Julotta Christmas Worship  
at the Chapel, 2200 Swedish Dr, Ham Lake  
10:15 a.m. Christmas Worship (piano)  
at Jackson St.

**More Worship Details on page 3...**



### Blue Christmas Worship

Thurs., Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m.  
at Our Saviour's

The holidays can be difficult for many. If you have experienced the death

of a loved one, a divorce, loss of health or job, come and gather with others who are struggling and hungering for a glimpse of hope. Invite people you know who are in a similar situation – all are welcome. The light of Christ shines in the darkness. Come and see.

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## Worship With Us SUNDAYS

8:30 am | Traditional Worship

10:15 am | Contemporary Worship

Both services stream live on Facebook and are available on YouTube (link at [oursaviourslc.org](https://oursaviourslc.org))

## Indoor Worship

Covid-19 community level is low.  
No current masking requirements.  
People may choose to mask at any time.



### Thank you Jill

We are so thankful for Jill Bjornson, who served as OSLC Volunteer Coordinator this past year. Jill has decided to move from the staff position, back to the full volunteer

position of reception desk coordinator with her warm welcome at the reception desk most Sunday-Tuesday mornings. Jill helped OSLC as the first Volunteer Coordinator by putting systems in place and welcoming new people to the Worship Assistance Team. Thanks, Jill! We're glad you'll continue to greet and help those who come to Our Saviour's!

## Picture Directories Are Here!

If you had your photo taken for the directory, be sure to stop by the Reception Desk to pick up your copy of the directory.

## Coming Events

# ADVENT SERMON SERIES

## From Generation to Generation...

Through December 18

The stories, scriptures, and traditions of the Christmas season have been passed down to us throughout the generations.

What have your ancestors and those who have come before you passed on for you to continue?

From Generation to Generation... reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. The work of God is always unfolding – in and through us! This series will remind you that you belong – to a story etched into the wrinkles of time, to generations that have come before and will come after, to a love that won't let you go.

- Dec. 4 God meets us in our fear
- Dec. 11 We can choose a better way
- Dec. 18 We see God in each other



## Christmas Eve Worship

On Christmas Eve, we'll have candlelight at every service, and you'll be able to come forward to receive Communion. Communion kits will be available for those who prefer not to come forward. If you'd like a little more elbow room, we suggest you consider choosing the 12:30 or 9:00 pm service; 2:30 & 4:30 are usually the most full. Attending one of the other hours also leaves room for more visitors. That said, please worship at a time that works for you!

## New Year's Day: ONE service only at 9:30 a.m.

After staying up late to ring in the new year, we gather ALL together at 9:30 a.m. to begin the year with worship.



## NEW HYMNALS

The newest Lutheran hymnal The ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), was published in 2006. We've been singing & worshiping with this music over the years and the time has come to retire most of our well-worn LBW (green) and WOV (blue) hymnals and put the cranberry colored ELW in the pews! Our goal is a

minimum of 55 hymnals. Giving a hymnal in honor or in memory of someone is a lovely option, as is giving a hymnal to the glory of God. Gift amount is \$30/Hymnal, which includes shipping. Order forms are available at the Reception Desk or online at [oursaviourslc.org/hymnals](https://oursaviourslc.org/hymnals).





## Women's Retreat

Over 30 women Re-Connected with food, faith & fun at the Women's Retreat on Oct. 15.



Characters from the parable of the prodigal sprang to life to spark our imagination when it comes to reconnecting with each other.

## 150th CELEBRATION



Pastor Dan Nordin was our guest preacher Nov. 13 as part of our 150th Anniversary year of celebration. Pastor Dan served at Our Saviour's from 2009 to 2019. It was wonderful to see him again! Photos: preaching at left; Children's Message below.



## CELEBRATION SUNDAY



Another outstanding Bluegrass worship with the Cracked Pots (AKA The Cornerstone Band) and local fiddler Johnna Lawrence.

### What a Great Day!

For Celebration Sunday on October 16, we came together for one worship service at 10:15! The full worship space buzzed with energy as the band led our fall Bluegrass service. Then, over 250 people stayed for the celebration luncheon. People were seated all throughout the building and enjoyed a time of fellowship as well as the joy of being able to have a community meal together again.



Folks enjoying lunch.

The Celebration Sunday worship service concluded with prayerful consideration of financial commitments for 2023. Thank you to all who've made a financial commitment! We're thrilled that so many have been able to raise their commitment over 2022.

### Results thus far include:

- 154 commitment cards received – a 45% increase over last year!
- Total pledged: \$545,116.00
- 111 raised their commitment over 2022—resulting in \$234,540.00 over last year's pledges (includes amounts from first-time commitments).

Haven't submitted a pledge card but you'd still like to participate? You can still do so! Cards are available in the pew racks or online at [oursaviours.org/estimate-giving](https://oursaviours.org/estimate-giving). Thank you so much for your generous response – we are being the hands and feet of Christ as we continue to Reach Out with a Voice of Hope in this community and beyond!



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# Coming Events

## SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Groups meet at Our Saviour's unless otherwise indicated.

### Monthly Bible Study

No Bible Study in December  
Join in conversation and study on the first Wednesday in January at 10:00 a.m.

### Pub Theology

Second Monday at 6:00 p.m.  
Meet at Hidden Haven, 20520 Polk St, East Bethel. Questions? Call Fran Munday, 763-350-9660 or Glenn Allenspach, 763-913-5186.

### Faith & Fiction Book Grp

Second Tuesday 1:30-2:30 p.m.,  
**Dec. meeting:** select books for 2023. Questions? Contact Marge Nelson, [mfjnelson@gmail.com](mailto:mfjnelson@gmail.com).

### Fiction Addiction Book Grp

Second Tuesday 6:30-8:00 p.m., at the home of Alisa Bigelbach  
**Dec. meeting:** select books for 2023. Questions? Contact Alisa, [alisa.bigelbach@usfamily.net](mailto:alisa.bigelbach@usfamily.net).

### Quilting Blocks in Stages

1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.  
Questions? Contact Cheri Stockinger, [stockw4g@gmail.com](mailto:stockw4g@gmail.com).

### Thursday Quilters

1st and 3rd Thursday at 9:00 a.m.  
Questions? Contact Maggie Latvala, 763-434-3608.

### Join the Library Team

3rd Wednesday at 1:00 pm  
Questions? Contact Dave Eberhardt, 763-444-3690.

### Dinners at 6:30

No Dinners at 6:30 in December  
Join the group for the January Dinners on the 19th.

### Meditation Garden Team

Looking for a Team Leader  
The team meets for gardening Tuesday evenings, May-Sept. Come when it works for you. Pick a garden to maintain for the season, month, or week. The team has also done fundraisers, served Hospitality, done social activities, visited local plant sales, unique gardens, and green houses, and done rock painting. Interested? Contact Kim Iverson, [kiverson906@gmail.com](mailto:kiverson906@gmail.com).

### Recruiting Hard Hats

Hard Hat group meets Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m., beginning the day with coffee, treats and a devotion. The group is always ready to welcome new help with the jobs around the church. Coming into the winter months the group will be helping out with snow cleanup, doing repair work around and in the church, like fixing chairs and tables, and building new tables. The Hard Hat group helps with musical sets and set up for special events. They don't take attendance, there is no commitment, they just show up when they can. Please consider joining the group or just stop by for coffee.

### Seasoned Adult Ministry (SAM) Christmas Party

Thursday, December 1, 2:00 p.m.  
Join the group for coffee and cookies, a Christmas Carol sing-a-long, and lots of socializing. No need to sign up—just show up. And bring a few cookies to share.



## LIFE EVENTS



Remembering  
the Saints  
November 6, 2022

Archie Wyatt  
Damien Schaub  
Ronald Wade  
LaVerne Anderson

David Patzoldt  
Darvin Bethke  
Phyllis Henrikson  
Bernice Dornbusch  
Everett Kalbow  
Viola Leipzig  
Jill Jarvi  
Henry Hanson  
Jim Hansmeyer  
Howard Williams  
Don Griep  
Julie Olson  
Ryan Lowers  
John Goldade  
Chip Nelson  
Ken Miller

### Memorial Gifts

10/16/2022

Gift given to Pastors' Discretionary Fund in memory of Tom Kramm, Mark (Ellen) Kramm's father, by Ron and Lorraine Olson.

10/30/2022

Gifts given to Hard Hat Ministry in memory of Chip Nelson...

...by Bradley & Janet Simenson.

...by Tim & Sue Casey.

...by Jo Rohady.

### Offering Envelopes

The 2023 offering envelopes are available for pickup. If you use envelopes, please look for yours on the table in the Rotunda. Many envelope numbers have been changed, so be sure to check the 3 ring binder for your number. If there is not a packet available for you and you would like one, please contact the church office, 763-434-



## Wednesday Confirmation



Confirmation youth are learning about Christian/Lutheran traditions and practicing different spiritual disciplines. 7th and 8th Grade Commandments did an activity showing the messiness of gossip (above), made prayer candles in small groups (below), and ended the night together in Revelation Worship.



## Affirmation of Baptism



### Confirmands Affirmed their Baptism



Skylar Mae Alleman, Freya May Altman, Naomi Lee Braski, Andrew Wayne Engler, Ethan Wrede Giese, Charles William Hagestuen, Eva Margaret Hendricks, Alexander Allen Hoffman, Michael Lee Nolan, Madisen Kaija Noreen, Macie Jane Porter, Aubree Renee Roeller, Tanner David Rothbauer, Macarden Elcie Schoer, Emily Anne Swanson, Christella Eileen Mackenzie Tays, Alice Ann Welciek, Isaac Robert Yanta

## TRUNK N' TREAT

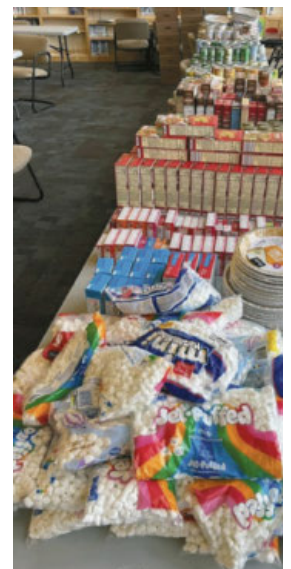


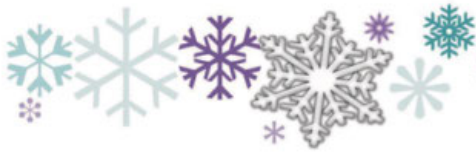
All ages joined in trick or treating fun and games on Oct. 30. Many cars, decked out for Halloween, were sources of toys and treats. It was a beautiful day and perfect for showing off favorite costumes. See photos below and at left.



## TURKEY BASKETS

Confirmation Youth had a goal of assembling 30 Thanksgiving meal baskets for distribution to families in need at the North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf (NACE). Thanks to the generous donations from the congregation they were able to assemble 36 boxes with all the fixings for this special meal (photos below). Thanks for your donations!





## Coming Events

# CYF HAPPENINGS

### Senior High Lockin with Escape Room



Dec. 3 (7:00 p.m.)– Dec 4 (11:30 a.m.)  
for Grades 9-12

Lockin will include: Mad Tea Party escape room offsite at Zero Hour Escape Room in Minneapolis, worship, games, snacks, friends and more! Find details at [oursavioursslc.org/youth-group](https://oursavioursslc.org/youth-group).

### Confirmation-Hosted Feed My Starving Children

Thursday, January 12, 2023, 6:45-8:45pm

This Family Service night is open to ALL of the congregation, age 5+. Early registration for confirmation students and guides is through Dec 10; open to the rest of the congregation Dec 11-Jan 8. Age requirement: age 5 through 5th grade need a parent present to participate; 6th grade and above may participate without parent. A sign up can be found on the Children, Youth, and Family Board, one person per line, please. Space is limited! Find details at [oursavioursslc.org/cyf-service](https://oursavioursslc.org/cyf-service).



### Quake—6-12th Grade

Fri, Mar 17 (4:30 p.m.) – Sun, Mar 19 (noon)

Quake is a weekend gathering exploring faith, Christian living, a life of ministry and leadership... through speakers, music, breakout sessions and so much more. **Location:** Minneapolis/St Paul Airport Mall of America, 3800

American Boulevard East, Bloomington 55425. Drop off and pick up will be at Our Saviour's. Find Details at [oursavioursslc.org/quake-event](https://oursavioursslc.org/quake-event).

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#### Office Hours:

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Fri. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Sun. 8:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

### Our Saviour's Preschool

Our Saviour's preschool children had a great October! The weather was beautiful so we got outside a lot and we ended the month with our "fall parties" in which we did some trick n' treating around the church!! In November, we will be talking about what we are Thankful for! My staff and I are so thankful for our preschool parents and their

children! We feel truly Blessed and Thankful to have them as a part of our program!





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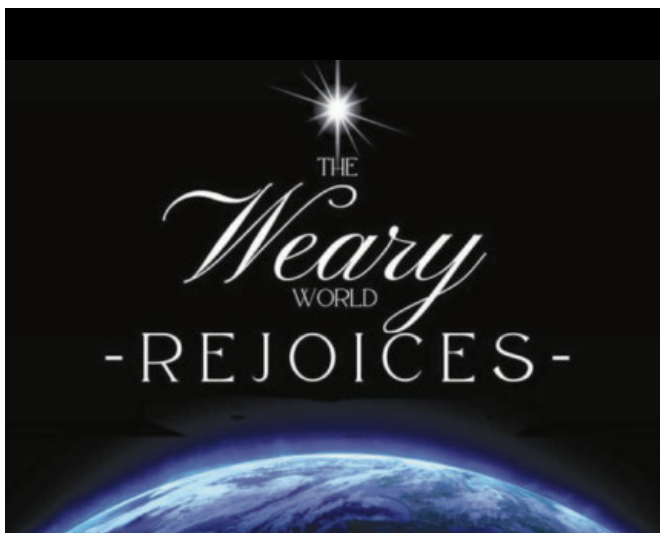
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# A CHRISTMAS CONCERT



### **Friday, December 9, 7:00 p.m.**

The powerful Christmas story that revives the earth and its people will be shared through music and narration, with performances by the Cornerstone Band, Celebration Choir, and Carillon Bells. Special guests include Elk River Lutheran Choir, Laurels String Quartet, Dave Mantini on trumpet, and Craig Clark on guitar.

Early Bird tickets are available: \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids age 5-12. Tickets may be purchased at the Reception Desk or online, details at [oursavioursslc.org/christmas-concert](http://oursavioursslc.org/christmas-concert). Tickets will be available at the door on the 9th (\$10 for adults and \$5 for kids age 5-12). Doors open at 6:30 p.m.