

# Congregation Meeting

**Sunday, September 29, 2024, 9:30 a.m. (In the Commons)**

**Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, Lansing**

## Agenda

<b>9:30</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Call to Order</b>	<b>Steve Mohnke</b> <i>Treasurer, Board of Directors</i>
<b>9:35</b>	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Jim Sundstrom</b> <i>Chairman, Spiritual Life Team</i>
<b>9:40</b>	<b>Ministry Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• God Sightings</li><li>• Time in the Word</li><li>• Time Together</li><li>• Time in Prayer</li></ul>	<b>Pastor Wangelin</b> <i>Senior Pastor</i>
<b>9:50</b>	<b>Connect the Dot Parties Report</b>	<b>Pastor Chris</b> <i>Associate Pastor</i>
<b>9:55</b>	<b>Vicar Program Application</b> <b>Vote on Renewing the Vicar Program for 25-26</b>	<b>Steve Mohnke</b>
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Our Savior Lutheran School Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commitment to Learning</li><li>• Thank you to Teachers</li><li>• Early Childhood Update</li></ul>	<b>Matthew Couser</b> <i>Principal</i>
<b>10:10</b>	<b>Financial Report</b>	<b>Stephanie Trapp</b> <i>Business Manager</i>
<b>10:20</b>	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	<b>Staff</b>
<b>10:25</b>	<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Pastor Chris</b>

### **Important Dates**

- Reformation Sunday / Confirmation Sunday, October 27
- All Saints Sunday / Rollcall of Victory, November 3 (both services)
- Prayer Vigil for Our Nation, Sunday, November 3, 4 p.m.
- Congregation Election Sunday, November 10
- Thanksgiving Eve Worship, November 27
- Christmas Eve Worship 3p.m. (Connect Worship), 5 p.m. (Contemporary), 7 p.m. (Traditional)

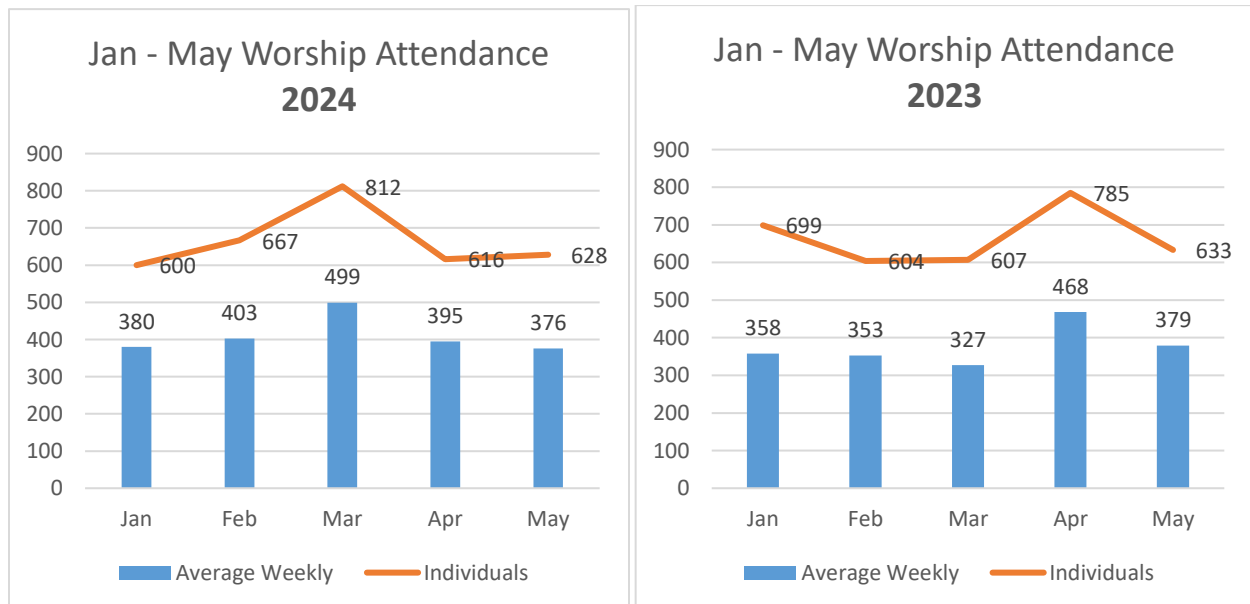
# Learn Live Share Christ

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School exists to transform hearts and lives through the presence and power of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Through Gospel-centered ministry, we help disciples of every age and every season of life to Learn, Live, and Share Christ.



*High School Youth Group Kick Off Event, August 15 with 30 youth attending*

We are blessed with a wonderful church family and school community that has gathered around our mission to Learn, Live, and Share Christ. We give glory and praise to God in worship as we receive His gifts of grace that empower us to live as His people through the week. Here are some worship statistics:



Total Average Sunday Worship Attendance Jan – May **2024**: 410

(source: weekly headcount)

Total Average Sunday Worship Attendance Jan – May **2023**: 377

Total Average Individual Monthly Attendance Jan – May **2024**: 665

(source: connecting cards)

Total Average Individual Monthly Attendance Jan – May **2023**: 665

Summer Average Worship Attendance – June, July, August **2024**: 372

(21% increase from 2023)

Summer Average Worship Attendance – June, July, August **2023**: 307



# Connect The Dots Report

Amazing God-sightings, awesome stories, and connections that will help the work of our Lord in Lansing and the surrounding area made for a great summer of Connecting the Dots!

We had **35 groups**, with **34 parties** taking place! Per our reports, that came out to just over **400 people attending a Connect the Dot party!** 400 people who either strengthened bonds, created new friendships, and many who are looking forward to their next party! What a joy it was to hear stories, see the connections made, and see how God is at work in our communities! Jesus is on the loose and working in Lansing, let's join him on Team Jesus!

One host reported, "It was great meeting neighbors (for the first time) that lived right down the road. One said they were embarrassed that they hadn't done it sooner, but glad this event brought us together. Many connections were made. Good discussions were had about things to do in the community together."



Another host reported, "There is a strong desire throughout Christ centered discussions to continue the connections and build on service to neighbors and community. It was clear how impactful the Spirit and OSL have been in our lives!"



## Connect the Dot Statistics:

Number of Groups: 35

Number of Parties: 34

Number of participants: 419

Range of party size:

7-10: **16** 11-15: **11** 16+: **7**

% of active members: 65%!







**“It was amazing as most arrived as strangers and left as friends.”**

**“We need to connect the dots more often!”**



**“Someone needed some friends to listen, and there was an opportunity for that to happen.”**

**“Time flew, as it always does when people are having a good time!”**







## OSL Staff 2024-2025

**Purchase Our Savior Apparel Online All-Year Long**  
Visit [fabricatedcustoms.com](https://fabricatedcustoms.com) and find "Our Savior Lutheran" under the Shop drop-down menu. Orders may be placed online and shipped directly to your home. Thank you to OSL PTL for setting up this online store. Contact [OSLPTL@oursaviorlansing.org](mailto:OSLPTL@oursaviorlansing.org).



### Onyx the Ministry Dog

Onyx is our Ministry Dog (i.e. facility dog) that was trained by **Canines for Change** and donated by **Farm Bureau Insurance**. The OSL staff handlers are Dave Wright and Sara DeYarmond. Onyx is on duty Monday - Friday, attends church and school events, and is a valuable resource for student support. God created certain animals to have a wonderful effect on human beings. To read the devotion "Onyx is in the Bible" on the OSL blog page, use the QR code below.



### LifeLight Bible Study – Hebrews

Wednesday mornings 10:30am & evenings 6:30pm  
September 19 – November 13



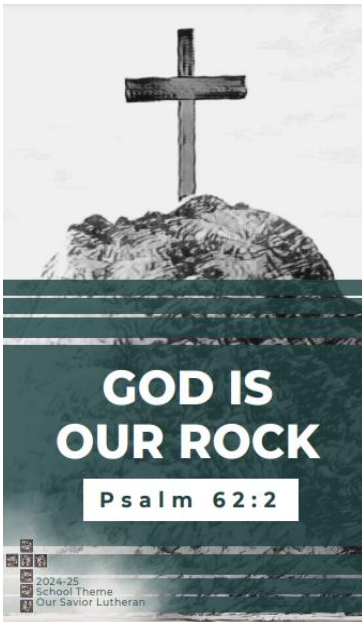




## African Mission Partners 2024-25

We continue to be richly blessed by the partnership we have with our brothers and sisters in Middelburg, South Africa and with Pastor and Alice Dangba of Living Word Lutheran, Lansing.

- Pastor Moses and Alice Dangba traveled to Uganda and South Sudan on a mission trip, delivering supplies, encouraging the people in refugee camps, and opening Living Word Orphanage. OSL volunteers made many of the supplies and gathered for a sending prayer.
- Applications for 2025 South Africa Mission Team with Deposit due October 1, 2024.
- Vicar Given Masemola will be ordained on November 3, 2024 at St. Peter Confessional Lutheran Church in Middelburg. Efforts are still being made to bring him for a year of study at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne with OSL as his sponsor.
- Sunday, November 17, Pastor Moses and Alice Dangba will give a presentation on their mission trip to Uganda and South Sudan between the services in the Bickel Room.
- The next OSL Mission Trip is planned for June 26 – July 7, 2025 to Middelburg, South Africa.
- Third Trimester Chapel Offering for OSL School is for Mission Middelburg



# Our Savior Lutheran School

## 2024-2025 School Year

Together we Learn, Live, and Share Christ while building up the Kingdom of the Lord. We look forward to another amazing school year of faith and learning. In every aspect of our school day, whether during academic activities, play, or worship, whether it is teaching or correcting, Our Savior exists to be spiritually focused while leading children to be disciples of Jesus. May the Lord bless our journey!



## New School Staff for 2024-25



Miss Faith Korte  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher



Mrs. Carly Mossner  
Music Teacher



Mrs. Melinda Charter  
Food Service Assistant

## Our Savior Volleyball and Running Club!

Bump! Set! Spike! Twenty-five girls are playing volleyball this fall. We have 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade team, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade team, and an 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. Running Club has fifteen 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders training two days a week after school. We are thankful for three volunteer coaches teaching, coaching, and encouraging.

## Sleep in Heavenly Peace - First Trimester Chapel Offering

Our Savior is supporting Sleep in Heavenly Peace. SHP builds beds for children age 3 to 17 in the Greater Lansing Area. Over 400 children in our community are currently in need of a bed. One Bed = \$275. Recently, a few OS� students volunteered on the assembly line to make beds for the local chapter. Praise God!



## 2024-2025 School Enrollment – 260 Students

### K-8 Enrollment

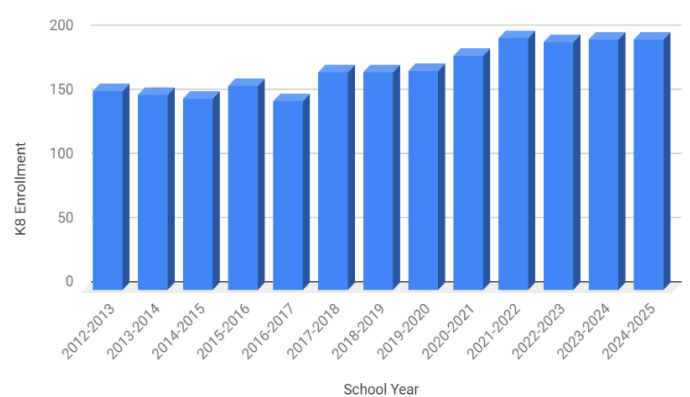
Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8 Total
Enrolled	20	23	24	23	24	27	13	19	22	<b>195</b>

### Early Childhood Enrollment

	3s	4s	Total
Enrolled	27	37	<b>64</b>



### Our Savior Lutheran School K-8 Enrollment 2012-Present



# Financial Report

## Our Savior Lutheran Church & School 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Year End Report

	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Difference (Actual to Budget)
<b>Income</b>			
General Contributions & Offerings	\$1,335,793.36	\$1,230,300.00	\$105,493.36
K-8 School Tuition	786,701.93	854,125.00	(67,423.07)
Early Childhood Tuition/Extended Care	412,092.17	466,950.00	(54,857.83)
Summer Camp	198,842.50	190,000.00	8,842.50
Fundraiser (Auction)	70,635.46	57,600.00	13,035.46
Programs	247,628.18	237,115.00	10,513.18
Grants, Sponsorships, Special Gifts	50,960.17	99,082.00	(48,121.83)
Message of Hope Scholarship Fund	61,345.71	80,000.00	(18,654.29)
Reserve Fund Budget Supplement	0	70,000.00	(\$70,000)

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,163,999.48</b>	<b>\$3,285,172.00</b>	<b>(\$ 121,172.52)</b>
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## Expenses

Church Ministries (Worship, Music, Children/Youth, Family Life, Bible Studies)	\$ 72,250.91	\$ 65,351.36	\$ 6,899.55
School Ministries (K-8, Early Childhood/Extended Care, Summer Camp, Hot Lunch, Athletics)	212,421.66	149,437.00	62,984.66
Operations (Copier, Phones, Internet, Office Supplies, etc.)	97,927.16	80,365.00	17,562.16
Facility (Cleaning, Maintenance, Snow Removal, Utilities, Landscaping, etc.)	216,529.83	218,440.00	(1,910.17)
Mortgage Payment (Building and Parking Lot)	317,298.00	349,452.00	(32,154.00)
Outreach Ministries (Friendship House, MI District, Community Outreach, etc.)	10,980.38	11,600.00	(619.62)
Staff Salaries	1,821,869.05	1,823,608.00	(1,738.95)
Staff Benefits	442,543.39	586,764.00	(144,220.61)

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,191,820.38</b>	<b>\$3,285,017.36</b>	<b>(\$93,196.98)</b>
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**Net Difference** **(\$27,975.54)**



# Non-Budget Accounts


Non-Budget accounts are restricted, designated gifts that are not recorded in the income and expenses of the general fund.

Account Name	Balance on 9/30/24
Adult Ministry Trip	\$ 34,910.53
Alms Fund	\$ 6,843.10
CEF Stamp Program	\$ 815.50
Chapel Money	\$ 125.94
Church Account	\$ 11,984.09
CityServe Carryover	\$ 2,041.47
Debt Reduction (Together Campaign)	\$ 29,341.75
Early Childhood Grant	\$ 6,377.35
Fall Confirmation Retreat	\$ 4,916.49
Food Bank	\$ 24,744.97
High School Youth Account	\$ 3,935.73
Memorial Garden	\$ 9,812.76
Men of Courage Scholarship	\$ 604.27
Miscellaneous Accounts	\$ 3,542.32
School Account	\$ 28,021.96
South Africa Missions	\$ 4,009.78
Student Council	\$ 2,350.24
Youth Gathering (New Orleans)	\$ 1,307.04
Vicar Fund	\$ 45,665.94

## OSL Special Gift Opportunities (prayer list)

The following items are from the "Purchase Priority List" that was created in order to balance the budget. We pray that the Lord will provide other opportunities to fund these ministry items. Any special gifts should be 'above and beyond' the regular giving to the general fund.

Chromebook Replacements	\$600 - \$6,000	Replacing damaged Chromebooks (\$600) to replacing an entire classroom (\$6,000)
Classroom Floors	\$6,000 - \$18,000	There are three classroom floors to be replaced with vinyl flooring at \$6,000 each
Classroom Chairs	\$4,000	Replacing tables and chairs for upper grades
Kindergarten Tables	\$4,000	Replacing tables for the Kindergarten room
Refinishing Gym Floor	\$4,500	Refinishing the Gym Floor on a two-year cycle
Refinishing Sanctuary flooring in music corners	\$3,000	Refinishing the area around the worship band and organ areas in the front of the church
Sanctuary Carpet	\$21,000	Replacing carpet in the sanctuary and chancel
Computer Network Server	\$2,500	Moving our file server to the cloud and upgrading the network server
Furnace Maintenance	\$10,000	Maintaining our current units (one per classroom) for longer life



# Prayer for Our Nation

Are you feeling the weight of this year's election?  
Are you worried about the future of our country?  
Join us for a

## Prayer Vigil

### Sunday, November 3 at 4pm at OSL

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your heart and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7



# THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Help us provide 200 families with a dinner for Thanksgiving.

Item donations will be accepted in the church lobby October 1 through November 20

- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Boxed Stuffing
- Cans of Corn
- Cans of Green Beans
- Boxes of Jell-O
- Cake Mix
- Frosting

Monetary donations accepted for a full dinner (approx. \$25) or perishable items (milk, rolls, margarine, turkeys) through online giving or in the front office.



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# 2025 AUCTION

*Saturday*  
MARCH 1, 2025 - 4:30PM

Get your hats and seersucker suits ready  
for a derby style auction!  
Tickets available beginning November 1st.  
Now accepting donations and sponsorships.