

Remember in your Prayers

Member Concerns: Wanda Hagquist; Sharon Peterson; Greg Henderson; Wanda Attlesey; Terry Wagner; Ed Harbeck; Gordon & Lois Riekmann; Bonnie Storlie; George Meyer; Merle Houdek; Karen Schlein; Bob Loos; Connie DeLorme, Mike & Sandy Miller

Those Mourning: Warren Harmon Family upon the death of his father, Tom.

Non-Member Friends/Family Concerns: June (Joanne Heathman’s mother); June Duebbert (Jodie Westland’s mother); Melissa (cousin of Mary Ann Smith); Glenn Riekmann (son of Gordon & Lois); Mary Johnson; Chris Wilson (son in law of Everett and Vickie Schulz); Lori (George Meyer's cousin); Magnus Svennungsen (Thoreson family member)

Military Concerns: Brooks Rohe; Andrew McCumber; Chris Sikich; Margaret & Catherine Maher; Ryan Nordstrom; Dan & Kelly Pickett, all our service men and women serving in the Military and all of our veterans who have served.

Global Ministry: Palliative Care Program at Iambi Hospital, Tanzania

Seminary Scholarship Recipient: Sadie Short

Sunday, April 27 9am Worship Sunday School 10am Breakfast 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt (following Breakfast) 5:30pm Confirmation Monday, April 28 P. Ben day off Tuesday, April 29 9am Office open 6:30pm Worship/Music Meeting Wednesday, April 30 9am Office open 11:30am P. Ben at Text Study 1pm All Staff Meeting 6pm Grace Bells 7pm Vocal Choir Thursday, May 1 9am Office open 9:15am Faithfully Fit 10:30am Bible Study	Friday, May 2 P. Ben out of town Saturday, May 3 P. Ben out of town Sunday, May 4 9am Worship Pastor Jim Rushton 10am Fellowship 10am Media That Moves Us 5pm Funky Bunch Monday, May 5 P. Ben day off Tuesday, May 6 9am Office open	<div>Non-Church Building Use M, T, TH—Cello Lessons 2:30pm-8:30pm—Music Room April 1—6:30pm Den 83—Classroom April 4—5:00pm Troop 83—Fellowship hall April 6-4:45pm—Piano Recital—Sanctuary</div>
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April 27, 2025
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
WELCOME TO WORSHIP
Easter 1

Presiding Pastor Ben Loven

Opening Song Cold December Flies Away ELW 299

Gospel John 20:11-18

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sermon Allison Humke

Hymn of the Day The Day of Resurrection! ELW 361

Communion Songs I Received the Living God ELW 477
Now the Green Blade Rises ELW 379

Sending Song Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia ELW 369

The OSLC Leadership Team would like to invite everyone to a congregational discussion on May 18 after worship about what we want Our Savior's to look like in the next 1, 5, 10, 50 years. We will provide brunch and childcare and we invite you all to provide open minds, listening ears, and creative ideas!

We welcome new visitors and old friends, long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to faith. To those who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, do not believe, you are welcome here. Regardless of age, color, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, marital status, abilities or challenges, join us, you are welcome here. You are welcome to worship, to celebrate and sorrow, to rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new.

The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00am to 3pm

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My office door is always open for visits/conversations. Please make a call to the church office before visiting if you would like to specifically visit with me to ensure I am in. Pastor Ben

Joanne Hamilton, Office—office@rochesteroslcl.org

Greg Henderson, Director of Music—music@rochesteroslcl.org

Katie Zahasky, Prayer Chain—507-254-7894 or ktzahasky4@gmail.com

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 9:00am Worship

Organist: Greg Henderson, **Pianist:** Jan Matson

Sound Board Engineer: David Flynn

Offering Counters: Scott & Wendy Moon

Ushers: Scott & Wendy Moon

Communion Assistant/Offering Assistants: Ruth Moran

Altar Guild: Katie Zahasky

Fellowship: Ardie O’Hanlon



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God's work. Our hands.

Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God from Sharon K. Peterson

April 27—Flynn May 4—OPEN May 11—Valen May 18—OPEN

Please consider signing up to give flowers. Cost is \$40 and they are yours to take home after worship. Please remember to return the vase as our pricing is based on that.


Treasurer's Report:

Income YTD (as of 03/31/2025): \$108,500.69

Expenses YTD (as of 03/31/2025): \$121,779.56*

Budgeted Expenses: \$96,057.66

*Expenses include the remaining \$23,810 for the roof repair completed in '24.



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MEDIA THAT MOVES US

PODCASTS



Episodes 861, 867, and 869, 961, 964
April 6th discussion after worship.

BOOK



May 4th discussion after worship

MOVIE



June 1st discussion after worship




MUSIC AT OSLC—Wednesday Nights

Grace Bells rehearsing at 6pm with Bev Gronvold directing.

Vocal Choir rehearsing at 7pm with Greg Henderson directing.

We invite all to come and give it a try.




FAITHFULLY FIT

The Thursday morning exercise group meets at 9:15am in the Narthex. Join us for light exercise and joyful conversation. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.



BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BEN

Thursdays at 10:30AM (Water Room), If you've ever felt like you wished you knew more about the Bible, but were anxious that you didn't know enough, this is the Bible Study for you! There's no homework, you don't have to be an "expert" to participate, and everyone there cares about each other. We're going to be working our way through the Gospel of John. Come join in the conversation!



UPDATED ANNOUCEMENT
CHURCHILL/HOOVER
SCHOOLS are looking for donations.

Their needs for the rest of the school year is Crackers, Cereal & Gold Fish snacks (can be bought in large containers) & sandwich bags. They have plenty of everything else.

Please leave in the blue barrel in the Narthex.



*Come a Stranger,
Leave a Friend*

MAY COLLECTION
GIFT OF LIFE TRANSPLANT HOUSE

Items can be left in the marked box in the Narthex

1. All Paper Products
2. Wrapped Chocolate Candy
3. Boxes of Various Cards
4. Stamps
5. Luxuries such as DVD's, games, books, etc.
6. General Cleaning Products
7. Pop Tabs



Martha Circle
May 14—10:00am
Hostess:
Bible Study:
Location: OSLC

Naomi Circle
May 12—9:00am
Hostess:
Bible Study:

Priscilla Circle
May 14—9:30am
Hostess: Kathy Norby
Bible Study: Wanda Hagquist

Sarah Circle
3rd Tuesday of the month —1:00pm
Hostess:
Bible Study:



QUILTING

Everyone is welcome. No sewing skills are needed. We meet at 9am
Location: OSLC
2025 Meeting Dates:
May 20, September 16, October 21, November 18



Complete information on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

We would like to thank everyone for your support, prayers and donations for our Guatemala service trip. Our Savors was able to provide 60 health kits and thank you to our sewing ladies who were able to provide 16 menstrual kits for young girls. All were very appreciated.

We had a wonderful time serving and being served. While Kevin and the construction crew installed 20 stoves to replace open fire pits in local homes as well as finished up the painting in the tutoring center they started last year. I had the opportunity to work with the local children in their school and at the tutoring center and library. We talked about bullying, learned about Mayan art and mixing primary colors, then preparing and eating healthy snacks. Our last art class was supposed to have 14 children, but 50 showed up, so we had to add another class! We were also able to experience some traditional Lenten activities in Antigua on our free day. They are wonderful people and made us feel very welcome every place we went. So thank you again for your support. *Cindy and Kevin Norgard*

EASTER LETTER FROM BISHOP HASSANALLY

To the People of God in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod,

The shorter ending of Mark says: “And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.” (Mark 16:8b NRSV)

The words of Jesus at his ascension: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8 NRSVUE)

What is clear in the story of the resurrection of Jesus, across all four gospels, is the instruction and the impetus to “go and tell.”

All four gospels emphasize the role of women, who had no social standing or formal power, as primary proclaimers of this good news.

This invitation to proclamation is expanded when, forty days after the resurrection, Jesus ascends into heaven, promises the presence of the Holy Spirit, and tells the disciples to witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus in “Judea, Samaria, *and to the ends of the earth.*” Jesus makes it clear that the proclamation of the new life he brings is not only for the disciples but all of creation, indeed all of the cosmos (John 3:16).

The good news of the resurrection of Jesus the Christ is good news for all.

This is a thread that weaves throughout the story of Scripture, harkening all the way back to Genesis, at the very creation of the people of God, when God says to Abram in Genesis 12, “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, *so that you will be a blessing.*” [1] God doesn’t promise Abram greatness for Abram’s sake. God promises greatness for the sake of the whole world.

Similarly, we are brought into the promise of new life in and through Christ so that new life will be claimed and proclaimed among all of creation.

We are a resurrection people, but the resurrection is not some promise to be hoarded. The gift of full and abundant life is not a scarce resource to keep for ourselves, nor is it a promise of cultural or political dominance. The promise of the resurrection is a gift of God, and like all of God’s gifts, it is meant to be shared.

I often quote the musician Carrie Newcomer in the Easter season. In her song “Lean in Toward the Light,” she sings these words: “Keep practicing resurrection.” [2] This reminds me that the resurrection is a dynamic promise, one that invites us into a particular way of life.

We believe in the power of the resurrection. We believe that in the resurrection of Christ, death and the powers of evil are fully overcome.

And if we believe it, we must, in the steps of the disciples who went before us, proclaim this good news and proclaim it as good news for all.

To practice resurrection, then, means to live in a way that ushers in the fullness of life for all of creation *now*, while trusting in the promise of abundant life in the kingdom to come.

The resurrection, the power and promise of abundant life, is not just for us. It is for all of creation.

This means our work in proclaiming new life includes working toward the fullness of life for all of creation—for our neighbors, those across the street, and those living in countries to which we’ve never been.

Friends, there are so many places throughout this earth in which abundant life can feel so far off. We have global ministry partners in South Sudan, Tanzania, Colombia, and the US-Mexico border.

In Juba, South Sudan, this church provides life-saving medical treatments for young women at the medical center this synod helped build. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania has a reach of 150,000 people through their HIV/AIDS program. Both of these ministries, which work toward abundant life for our neighbors, have drastically reduced their impact because of the funding cuts to USAID. We must find ways to continue to proclaim the reality of resurrection for those, like the women at the tomb, with no formal power and so much to lose.

The Lutheran Church in Colombia (IELCO), a national church smaller than some of our congregations, provides life-saving ministry to migrants on their journeys from other South American nations.

Our ministry partners at the US-Mexico border have long offered care, welcome, food, and shelter to migrants *legally* crossing into the United States.

Each of these ministries proclaims the resurrection as they, quite literally, work to save people’s lives. Our global partners continue to proclaim the promise of new and abundant life, and we must continue alongside them. This is what it means to be a resurrection people: to proclaim and work toward abundant life for *all*.

If we take the resurrection of Jesus seriously, and on this Easter morning, we find ourselves in front of the empty tomb shouting,

“Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!”

we must also join with the women who first made the proclamation and the disciples who repeated it.

We must continue to accompany our global partners throughout the world and our neighbors across the street in financial support and advocacy as we work toward abundant life for all. Christ *is* risen. This is a life-changing truth. The intention was never for it to change the lives of a select few. All along, God’s work has always been about using God’s own people to proclaim the good news so that the power and promise of the resurrection might be known and experienced by all.

Let us joyfully proclaim, “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!”

Then, let us set about living the truth of the resurrection in practical ways: through the dollars we give, the efforts we support, and the ways that we live.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!

Christ is risen for all.

In the name of the risen Christ. Amen.