



# April 2025

## CrossTalk Newsletter

The Mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School is 'connecting families in Christ' by proclaiming the forgiveness of sin in the Gospel and the Sacraments.

### The Hand of the Lord

God bless you this Lenten Season, as we eagerly anticipate Holy Week and the entrance of Christ Jesus into Jerusalem in the parade of palms! It has been an honor to proclaim for you the truth of God's Word and share with you this journey through the 40 days of Lent. This year we are looking at the Hand of the Lord, and how Yahweh has worked powerfully in the life of His people. One of the unique perspectives we have as the New Testament Church is to look back through time and see how the Lord has worked for thousands of years in the Israelite nation. The very beginnings of faith among the 12 tribes of the sons of Jacob was established by the display of divine power within the plagues cast upon Egypt and hard-hearted Pharaoh. Only the hand of the one true God could send such judgment upon the Egyptian people, over and over again. Within each plague we see a glimpse of what will happen when Jesus pours out the seven bowls of wrath in Revelation 16. Is there a parallel between the destruction of Egypt in Exodus and the refining of the Earth on the Last Day?

The answer is yes! Pharaoh and all his self-righteousness and wealth is a picture of humanity and the defiance of unbelief when Christ returns. Final judgment is a certainty and the devil is the ultimate source of defiance until the very end. Thus, the season of Lent should be an eye-opening experience in which we see the truth of this world and the truth of the spiritual realm. The wily serpent defied God by corrupting Adam and Eve. The devil tried to defy Jesus as He journeyed to the cross at the center of time. And now the father of lies wants to defy our relationship with the Lord and put a wedge between us and God. May it never be! Just as the Lord used His mighty hand to hold back the waters of the Red Sea and led His people across on dry ground, so shall the Lord hold back the tide of sin and death and the devil. Jesus accomplished just that by His Hand of Deliverance, placing our sins upon Himself and bearing them as the sacrifice upon the cross. Only the blood of Jesus could deliver us from eternal death and rescue us from the devil. Now Jesus leads us through the waters of Holy Baptism and establishes us in His holy sanctuary where we are safe and sound.

May we gather together as the Holy Christian Church to sing and celebrate the victory of God's Son! Join us in church for Holy Week, especially for Easter Sunday. We look forward to pulling out all the stops of decorating God's house, getting the Easter breakfast ready, and greeting you with a smile that reflects the joy of being in God's holy presence. We are blessed to be the people of God and there is no greater celebration than all the saints and all the angels witnessing the resurrection of the chosen Messiah. Now is the time of deliverance. Now is the day of our salvation, and the whole company of Our Savior's Lutheran Church will break forth in song over God's victory, for Christ has risen from the dead! Alleluia! Amen.

God's peace,  
Pastor Gadbow

# Mark Your Calendar!

## *The Hand of the Lord* **Lenten/Easter Schedule**

April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
“The Hand of the Lord Who Raises the Dead”

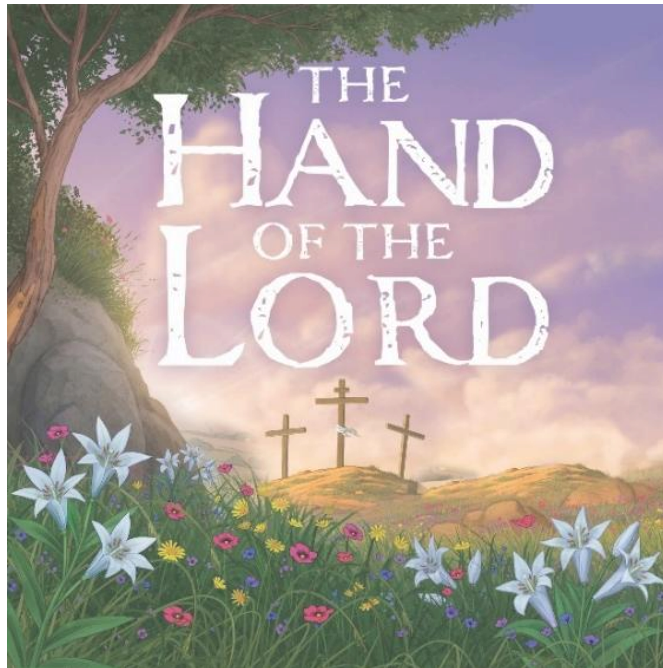
April 9<sup>th</sup>  
“The Hand of the Lord Who Holds All Things”

April 17<sup>th</sup>  
Maundy Thursday  
“The Hand of the Lord Who Serves and Feeds Us”

April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Good Friday  
“The Hand of the Lord Who Was Pierced For Us”

April 20<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Sunday Sunrise  
“The Hand of the Lord Who Made Us”

April 20<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Resurrection (Divine Service)  
“The Hand of the Lord Who Is Risen”



### **Easter Breakfast is Back!**

Join us for Easter breakfast including scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage and ham between services on Easter morning in the Activity Center.

# From Our Health Ministry

## SCAM ALERT

Watch out! Scammers target everyone.



Recognize scammers. They may:

- **PRETEND** to be from an agency or organization you know.
- Say there's a **PROBLEM** or promise a prize.
- **PRESSURE** you to act immediately.
- Tell you to **PAY** in a specific way.



Do not give scammers money or personal information – Ignore them!

How to avoid a scam:

- **Remain calm.** Talk to someone you trust.
- **Hang up or ignore** the message. **DO NOT** click on links or attachments.
- **Protect your money.** Criminals will insist that you pay in a hard-to-trace manner, such as with a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire transfer, money transfer, or by mailing cash.
- **Protect your personal information.** Be skeptical of a contact you didn't initiate.
- **Spread the word.** Share your knowledge of Social Security-related scams. Post on social media using the hashtag #SlamtheScam to share your experience and warn others. Visit [ssa.gov/scam](https://ssa.gov/scam) for more information. Please also share with your friends and family.

## Upcoming Guild Events

**Remember, all the ladies of the congregation are invited to join us!**

- √ LWML McLeod Zone Mission Event (Spring Rally) is set for Saturday, April 5, 2025, at First Lutheran Church in Glencoe. The event begins at 9:00 a.m. The program will center around comfort dogs. Check for more information regarding the event in the Sunday bulletin and Crosstalk as well as on the meeting announcements posted around church.
- √ On Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, the Guild ladies will be gathering for their regular meeting beginning with lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the Commons. Linda Butzin and Sharon Haberkamp will be sharing Bible Study with us. Candace Metzger will be presenting an Easter craft. Regular business meeting to follow.
- √ Ablelight (Bethesda) Thrift Store visit is scheduled for Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Sharon Haberkamp.
- √ Quilters will meet in the Commons on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 a.m.
- √ Don't forget the 2025 LWML 41<sup>st</sup> National Convention is scheduled for June 26-29 in Omaha, Nebraska. The theme this year is "Growing in God's Grace" from 2 Peter 3:18. Information about the meeting can be found in the Winter 2024 *Quarterly* or on the LWML website. Anyone can attend! Registration is online only and began on March 1. Gifts from the Heart need to be ordered online and that information is also available online.
- √ You might want to mark your May calendar for May 13<sup>th</sup> as our Guild meeting will be hosting Jim and Susan Kaiser who have been working with Lutheran Bible Translators. Our meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. with lunch and then a presentation from the Kaisers as our program with regular business meeting to follow.

### **Mission Statement**

*As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.*

### **Vision Statement**

*The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness*

***The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.***

## Highlights of the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Guild Meeting

The OSL LWML Women's Guild met on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and treats served by the Executive Board. Twenty people were in attendance including two guests and our speaker.

- President Gwen Dahl introduced Pastor Gadbow who led the group in Bible Study.
- The group voted to contribute \$200 to the McLeod County Food Shelf as our Guild's March mission project.
- Human Care/Christian Life Chairman Candace Metzger reported that our February/March Human Care project will continue until March 16<sup>th</sup> with the collection of needed items for Common Cup.
- Candace reported that the Gifts from the Heart for the LWML National Convention will need to be ordered online. She passed out a sheet explaining the process.
- Candace reminded the group about the LWML McLeod Zone Spring Event to be held on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at First Lutheran Church in Glencoe. Check posters and announcements in the church bulletin and Crosstalk for further information.
- Candace announced that the following have been elected to LWML McLeod Zone offices for 2025-27. Vice president Jeanie Von Berg, Secretary Sherry Reed and Pastoral Counselor Pastor Daniel Gadbow.
- Cheer Chair Vivian Gonzalez reported that she sent seven cards in February.
- Sharon Haberkamp reminded the group that we will be collecting food and monetary donations for the food shelf tomorrow, Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, from the congregation. Sharon thanked the group for filling up the grocery cart with items at today's meeting for the food shelf and for the monetary donations. Sharon will be traveling to Ablelight (Bethesda) Thursday, March 13, 2025.
- Jeanette Bening reported that the quilters will be meeting on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Commons to tie quilts. Shirley Landskroener will be transporting our boxed quilts to Mayer on Sunday for eventual distribution to Orphan Grain Train.
- Group 3 hosted the February Birthday party at Harmony River on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Six residents with February birthdays were each given candy bags and a balloon. The group was also entertained with music and singing.
- Ninety-six people were served lunch at the Carol Mlinar funeral on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Group 1 served approximately 50 people at the Lenten Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Group 2 will be serving a Lenten Soup Supper on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Our next regular Guild meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, beginning with lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the Commons. Bible Study will be provided by Linda Butzin and Sharon Haberkamp. An Easter craft idea will be presented by Candace Metzger. Regular business meeting to follow.



# SAGES



(SAGES = Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving)

## PROGRAM FOR GATHERING XXXV MAY 5 & 6, 2025

### MONDAY, MAY 5

- 12:00 – 1:15 p.m. Registration
- 1:00 – 1:20 p.m. Vocal Exercise
- 1:20 – 1:30 p.m.  
Welcome and Opening Prayer  
Rev. James Vehling,  
SAGES President
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **“Overcoming Life’s Sorrows”**  
Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing
- 2:30 – 2:40 P.M. Physical Exercise
- 2:40 - 3:15 p.m. Coffee/water available  
Visit Displays
- 3:20 – 4:20 p.m. **SAGES WORKSHOP I**
- 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. LCEF Reception
- 5:15-5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. SAGES Evening Dinner  
Entertainment:



Closing devotion –  
Sean Martens  
Assistant to the President-Education  
MN South District, LCMS

### TUESDAY, MAY 6

- 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast –  
complimentary for Hotel Guests only
- 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal
- 8:00 – 8:15 a.m. Vocal Exercise
- 8:15 – 8:30 a.m. Business meeting
- 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. **“Overcoming Life’s Sorrows”**  
Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing
- 9:15 – 9:25 a.m. Physical exercise
- 9:25 – 9:50 a.m. Coffee/water available  
Visit Displays
- 9:55 – 10:55 a.m. **SAGES WORKSHOP II**
- 11:00 – Noon **SAGES WORKSHOP III**
- 12:00 – 12:55 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **“Overcoming Life’s Sorrows”**  
Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing
- 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Installation of officers  
Rev. David Preuss, Chaplain

Closing Devotion  
TBA

SAGES Motto:

*“They will bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green.”* Psalm 92:12-15 NIV



# SAGES GATHERING XXXV REGISTRATION

(Saints Alive! Growing, Ever Serving)

May 5 and 6, 2025

Country Inn & Suites, 1900 Premier Drive, Mankato, MN



## REGISTRATION DEADLINE - APRIL 14, 2025

PRINT NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CONGREGATION \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

>Registration choices	Individual	Couple
Full Registration (Monday and Tuesday with meals)	\$100.00 _____	\$200.00 _____
Registration Monday <b>only</b> (includes Banquet)	\$ 50.00 _____	\$100.00 _____
Registration Tuesday <b>only</b> (includes Lunch)	\$ 50.00 _____	\$100.00 _____
Registration Monday ( <b>no</b> Banquet)	\$ 25.00 _____	\$ 50.00 _____
Registration Tuesday ( <b>no</b> Lunch)	\$ 25.00 _____	\$ 25.00 _____
Voluntary Contribution	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL REMITTED</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____



Identify dietary restrictions/requests here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to SAGES and send to Joyce Swedan**

**1535A Clemson Drive, Eagan, MN 55122**

### Pre-Registration for Workshops

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop I Monday May 5  
Circle A B C

Workshop II Tuesday May 6  
Circle D E F

Workshop III Tuesday May 6  
Circle D1 E1 F1

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(NOTE: Print/Copy this page and keep for your record.)

# News from the Early Learning Center

Happy Easter!

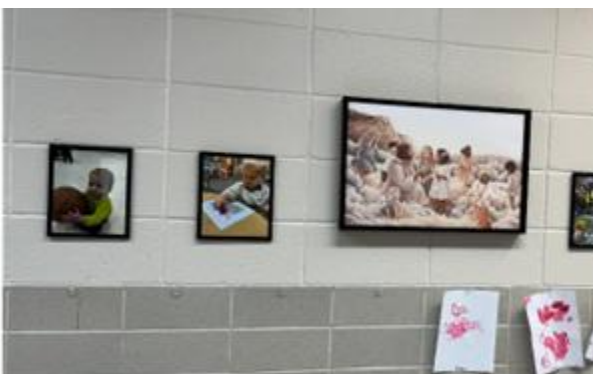
The ELC is enjoying this spring weather. It's amazing to step in the fresh spring air. We are in the middle of Lent, and we are focusing on loving and sharing the Good News we can celebrate every day, in preparation for the Good News on Easter morning.

The ELC has made great progress over the last few months with our building improvements. We will be having an open house for the congregation before the semi-annual spring meeting later this month. This will be a great time to see the childcare center. We hope some staff are available to show their rooms as well. So many people have donated their time and talent; we are grateful for everyone's help.

We will be having a family engagement event on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Families will come to visit the rooms as we rejoice in the news of our risen Savior.

Pictured below is some of the new artwork in the ELC hallways made possible by a generous donation to the ELC.

Lori Holtberg  
OSL Director





# This and That



## Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting

The spring meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Please plan to join us for this important meeting. If you need a ride, please call the church office so arrangements can be made.

## Monthly Sunday Door Offering Designations

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday **Habitat for Humanity**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday **Common Cup**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday **Lutherans For Life**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday **Seminarian**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday **"5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Giving"**  
**(Red Stocking)**

The current designation is listed in the bulletin each Sunday in the weekly calendar in case you forget.



Please come and help the Trustees clean up the church grounds on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Many hands make light work!

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The next social event of this group is scheduled for **Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Commons here at OSL. All widows and widowers are welcome!

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God." (II Corinthians 1:3-4)*

There is no confirmation on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Save the Date

Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> here at Our Savior's. The confirmation class of 2025 looks forward to sharing their special day with each of you!

# This and That

## DIAPER DRIVE

Our Savior's will be collecting diapers for Common Cup. There will be a playpen in the back of the sanctuary during the month of April to collect your donated diapers. The bigger sizes are the most needed. Donations of cash are also appreciated; mark your check for Common Cup diapers and put it in the offering. Your donation of diapers helps families in need and is very much appreciated! If you have any questions, contact Dale Ewald at (320-587-6090) or Common Cup Director Bev Bonte (320-234-8344).

## Volunteer Fair

Following up after the Volunteer Fair, the Health Ministry has placed a 3-ring binder on the Information Center table in the back of the sanctuary. Please use this binder to learn more about the volunteer opportunities at OSL. Volunteers are very much needed and appreciated.



**Donate**  
By Mail, Onsite or online!  
**Mar 1-Apr 6th**  
And your gift is multiplied by the **Food Fund!**  
Donations accepted throughout the campaign period & must be received by 1:00 PM 4/6/25 to multiply  
Donation locations & hours:  
719 13th St E Glencoe  
498 Hwy 7 E Hutchinson  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 AM-1:00 PM & Thursday 1:00 PM-6:00 PM

McLeod Food Shelf is a tax-exempt organization as described by IRS Code Section 501(c)3. FBIN#41-1470696. Donations are tax deductible as no goods or services are provided or exchanged for contribution. Donor information is not sold, shared, or traded without written consent. Donation value: 1#-1\$. 2023 Expenses: Programming 96%, Administrative 3%, Fundraising 1%. \*Multiplied funds based on the number of people served throughout the previous calendar year and the amount raised during the campaign period.

# Celebrating this Month



## April BIRTHDAYS

4/1 **Tammera Paulson**  
4/2 **Cody Link**  
4/3 **Alyson Farley**  
4/4 **Susan Forcier**  
4/9 **Adam Field**  
4/11 **Shirley Alsleben**  
4/12 **Stacy Messner**  
4/15 **Nicholas Ortloff**  
4/19 **Gail Roethemeier**  
4/19 **Michael Sauter**  
4/22 **Justin Sauter**  
4/24 **Shawn Smithers**  
4/25 **Kevin Ostlund**  
4/27 **Dianne Brenhaug Haffley**  
4/29 **Jeanne Niesche**



## April ANNIVERSARIES

4/18 **Ronald and Marilyn Field**      **55 Years**  
4/21 **Roger and Cheryl Beilke**      **46 Years**  
4/27 **Wayne and Darlene Kuehl**      **1 Year**

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church & ELC

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## Ministry Staff

Rev. Daniel Gadbow.....Pastor  
Shirlee Landskroener..... Music Director  
Karen Ostlund..... Sunday School  
Sherry Drahos..... Administrative Assistant

## 2025 Church Officers

Chairman	Wayne Kuehl
Vice Chairman	Kevin Mathews
Secretary	Michelle Metzger
Treasurer	Dale Ortloff

## Elders

Marshall Kranz, Chairman  
Paul Barchenger  
Mark Bening  
Jason Coyle  
Craig Jergens  
Jim Lauer  
Mike Smithers

## Trustees

Mike Metzger  
Chuck Esser  
Adam Field

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Jeff Radunz  
David Radunz

## Early Learning Center Staff

Lori Holtberg	Early Learning Director
Carrie Farley	Healthcare Consultant
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Rachel Carlson	Childcare Team
Rebecca Chapin	Childcare Team
Laila Dubay	Childcare Team
Lucy Dubay	Childcare Team
Cheyenne Fischer	Childcare Team
Gabrielle Gabrelcik	Childcare Team
Morgan Glieden	Childcare Team
Alysha Hatton	Childcare Team
Miranda Heine	Childcare Team
Hallie Hoff	Childcare Team
Lorna Johnson	Childcare Team
Casey Koski	Childcare Team
Shelby Norgaard	Childcare Team
Ginny Rogers	Childcare Team
Paige Slinden	Childcare Team
Ana Sullivan	Childcare Team
Kathryn Vesely	Childcare Team
Courtney Williams	Childcare Team
Kiera Ziemer	Childcare Team
Wendy Ziegenhagen	Snack Coordinator

## Early Learning Center Committee

Dean Brehmer	Chairman
Gaylen Timm	Finances
Ashley Buresh	Secretary
Rev. Daniel Gadbow	Pastor
Lori Holtberg	Director
Linda Esser	Representative

