



*The Mission Statement of Our Savior is:
"SEE CHRIST THROUGH US"*

*Our Savior Lutheran Church members, through Christ, preach,
teach, listen, learn, and live so the world sees Christ through us.*

Dear Members and Friends of Our Savior,
New Year's Resolutions for 2026:

- *I have put my name on you to bless you. (Numbers 6:24-26)*
- *I keep your soul from destruction and your life from danger. (Job 33:18)*
- *When you call, I will answer. (Psalm 91:15)*
- *I'm not going to get tired of watching over my creation or preserving you. (Psalm 121:3-4)*
- *I will wipe away tears from all faces. (Isaiah 25:8)*
- *I am with you to strengthen and uphold you. (Isaiah 41:10)*
- *I know the future, and I've got hope and good plans for you there. (Jeremiah 29:11)*
- *My steadfast love never ceases, nor does my faithfulness ever end. (Lamentations 3:22-23)*
- *I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:25)*
- *Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. (Mark 16:16)*
- *I have chosen to give you the Kingdom. (Luke 12:32)*
- *I have overcome the world to give you peace. (John 14:27, 16:33)*
- *Baptismal forgiveness is given to you and your children. (Acts 2:39)*
- *I will soon crush Satan under your feet. (Romans 16:20)*
- *Death is swallowed up in victory. (1 Corinthians 15:54)*
- *I comfort you in your afflictions so you can comfort others in their afflictions. (2 Corinthians 1:4)*
- *You are my child, a child of God. (Galatians 4:7)*
- *I chose you before the foundation of the world. (Ephesians 1:4)*
- *Do not be anxious – present your requests to me and I will guard your heart and mind. (Philippians 4:6-7)*

- *I continue to hold all things together by my mighty power (Colossians 1:17)*
- *I am faithful. (1 Thessalonians 5:24)*
- *I am glorified when you are faithful. (2 Thessalonians 1:11-12)*
- *I came into the world to save the very worst of sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)*
- *Through the Scriptures, I equip you for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*
- *My grace is training and purifying you. (Titus 2:12)*
- *I refresh the hearts of the saints through your faithfulness. (Philemon 20)*
- *I understand the temptations and the sufferings that you face. (Hebrews 4:15)*
- *I provide every good and perfect gift that you need. (James 1:17)*
- *You have an imperishable, undefiled, unfading inheritance in heaven. (1 Peter 1:3-4)*
- *I am patient towards you. (2 Peter 3:9)*
- *You have an advocate with me: Jesus Christ (1 John 2:1)*
- *The truth of Christ abides forever (2 John 1)*
- *There is no greater joy than my children walking in the truth of Christ. (3 John 4)*
- *I keep you from stumbling and will present you blameless before the presence of my glory. (Jude 24)*
- *My eternal dwelling place is with humanity. (Revelation 22:3)*

These are the resolutions your God has proclaimed in his Word. And while your resolutions might be over by the time February starts, God's resolutions will still be going strong:

- *All of my promises find their perfect 'yes' in Christ Jesus. (2 Corinthians 1:20)*

The Lord be with you!
Pastor Tessone



SERVANTS OF GOD

I am usually in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM unless otherwise noted on the church calendar or by the weekly events noted in the weekly bulletin. I encourage you to contact me when:

- **You are going into the hospital;** I'd like to visit and pray with you. Let me know what hospital you will be going to and when you will be there. **Please note:** Unless you contact me, I don't know you are hospitalized. Due to HIPAA laws, the hospitals do not contact me or the church, nor can they disclose any information about your condition.
- You are **facing any challenge** and in need of the fortification of God's powerful Word and you would like me to keep you in my prayers.
- You are wanting to be **baptized or your child.**
- You would like to receive the Lord's Supper.
- You are **planning to get married** (I need to be notified at least six months prior to the wedding date to reserve the church and to set up times to meet for the required pre-marriage Bible study and Service planning).

You can reach us at the numbers listed below.

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Listen to our broadcast each Sunday at 9am on KSIS 1050AM. You can livestream it through your computer at <https://ksisradio.com/listen-live/>

Join us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/groups/oursaviorlutheranchurch/



The following are just some of the opportunities offered for you to be involved in Bible study with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ at Our Savior:

- **Adult Bible Class** meets on Sunday morning at 10am in the Fellowship Hall and is studying the book of Exodus
- **The Tuesday Morning Bible Study** meets every Tuesday morning at 10 AM in the fellowship hall. We are studying the readings for the coming Sunday.
- **Men's Evening Bible Study:** This study meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. We are studying Islam.
- **Women's Bible Study:** This group meets every Thursday, at 6 PM. *Our next study will begin in January 15th.* We will be studying *Unfailing: God's Assurance for Times of Change* by Rev. Chris Kennedy.





Notice! The cost of the Radio Ministry is now \$170.00 per Sunday.

NOTE: If you enjoy the Radio Ministry and would like to contribute toward sponsoring a Sunday in whole or in part (smaller donations less than the full \$170 will be gladly accepted), please leave your donation at the office or on the offering plate. Please write on the check or envelope that you would like it to be **designated to the Radio Ministry** so it can go to the correct fund.

Thanks to those sponsoring the Radio Ministry in January:

Jan 4th – Cindy Heimsoth In Celebration of Chloe Petersen’s Birthday

Jan 11th – Open

Jan 18th – Open

Jan 25th – Open



Our Church Elders

Jan 4th
9:00 AM: Robert Curtis

Jan 11th
9:00 AM: Robert Schlender

Jan 18th
9:00 AM: Brandon Hurt

Jan 25th
9:00 AM: Gary Coulter

Altar Flowers

If you sign up for flowers ***AFTER*** the newsletter has been printed, please contact the church secretary or call the altar guild ladies directly to inform them of this information and to let them know *****where your flowers are coming from*****. Please sign clearly on the line to let others know when a week is taken. The Altar Guild for the month of January will be Elisabeth Tessone and Cynthia Titus:

Jan 4th – Cindy Heimsoth In Celebration of Chloe Petersen’s Birthday

Jan 11th - Open

Jan 18th – Open

Jan 25th– Open



Acolyte Schedule

Jan 4th
9:00 AM: Faith Burkhalter and Kelsey Case

Jan 11th
9:00 AM: Karson Lamb and Liam Robinson

Jan 18th
9:00 AM: Drew Moss and Eli Moss

Jan 25th
9:00 AM: Boston Ross and Damien Close

Welcome Committee



Greeters For DECEMBER:

Jan 4th – Dana Wrenn

Jan 11th – Jerry & Karen Case

Jan 18th – Open

Jan 25th – Lloyd & Sheryl Heisterberg



AUDIO team

Audio Booth Techs for January:

Jan 4th – Dennis Estel

Jan 11th – Mel Garrett

Jan 18th – Dennis Mueller

Jan 25th – Dennis Mueller



So we fix our eyes not
on what is seen, but on
what is unseen, since
what is seen is temporary,
but what is
unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:18, NIV

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Jan 4th
9:00 AM: (3) Paul Curry, Kevin Carl, Matt Close,
Parker Curry, Rylon Curry, Braden
Jonson, & Remington Walter

Jan 11th
9:00 AM: (4) Jerry Case, Jim Case, Brandon Hurt, Chris
Nierman, Wayne Nierman & Brooks
Ross

Jan 18th
9:00 AM: (4) Jerry Case, Jim Case, Brandon Hurt, Chris
Nierman, Wayne Nierman & Brooks
Ross

Jan 25th
9:00 AM: (5) Robert Curtis, Mark Abney, Tyler Abney,
Lloyd Heisterberg, & Kenneth Tatum,



CHURCH OFFERINGS may be mailed to the church at your discretion.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE:

Please have all announcements in by Wednesday 10am to ensure entry for the following Sunday's bulletin. Any questions or concerns, please contact Brenda.

WE ARE GRATEFUL for all the love and support that you give to us at Christmas. Thank you for all the blessings you share and the kind words. Thank you for continuing to support the work of the Church, and we look forward to the blessings God gives in 2026.

– Pastor Tessone, Elisabeth, and Levi.

I would also like to thank all the members, Elder's, Council and Pastor Tessone for all your support this last year. You have all shown me that church whether members or not, you take care of your community! Much love and gratitude, Brenda

THRIVENT MEMBERS: Don't forget to allocate your Choice Dollars! They can be allocated to many

different charities, including our congregation. For more information, log on to the Thrivent website or call a Thrivent representative for more information.

LISTEN OUR LUTHERAN RADIO STATION KFUE at www.kfuo.org for Christian news and music.

It is also available on the App Store. You can now listen to the Sunday Morning Service live broadcast of Our Savior Lutheran Church on two FM stations as well as *KSIS 1050 AM*. The two FM stations are *94.7 and FM 96.9*. The cost to sponsor the broadcast will remain the \$170. Please consider sponsoring a Sunday broadcast. It's a nice way of honoring loved ones, a birthday, an anniversary, or your special occasion.

LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO brings you sacred music sung by the world's greatest choirs. You can listen at www.lutheranpublicradio.org, or find it on the App Store.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES if you have not picked up your envelopes from the table in the Narthex, please pick them up. Thank you, Brenda!

MO SCHOLARS PROGRAM – TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES:

Did you know your child may qualify for tuition assistance to attend a private school? The Missouri Scholars Program provides scholarships (tuition vouchers) to help families afford quality education options, including Christian schools like Saint Paul Lutheran High School. Students can qualify if they are coming from a public school, have an IEP or are in kindergarten or 1st grade. Learn more at www.splhs.org/admissions/tuition-financial-aid/ and see how this program could make Christian education possible for your family!

CONCORDIA PLANS INTERNSHIP 2026:

Concordia Plans had a successful summer 2025 internship program this year and we are blessed to be able to offer this opportunity again for Summer 2026. Our internship program is for college students who are going to be a college junior or senior in Fall 2026 and we strive to fill the positions with students who are members of an LCMS congregation. We have 4 opportunities this year in the following areas:

- Customer Service Business Optimization
- Business Product Administration
- Information Technology Data Management
- Creative Marketing

There are flyers posted on any one of the bulletin boards or see Brenda in the office for one. Please contact [Beverly Sansone, HR Generalist @ 314-885-6709](mailto:Beverly.Sansone@ConcordiaPlans.org) or Beverly.Sansone@ConcordiaPlans.org if you have any questions or need any additional information.



**Council Minutes
November 5, 2025**

Attendance: Pastor Tessone, Linda Close, Joe Close, Melissa Matz, Lloyd Heisterberg, Robert Brines, Earl Rasa, Jerry Case, Lori Hurt, Dave Curtis, Heather Hawkins-Hoehne

The meeting was called to order and Pastor Tessone opened with devotion and prayer.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jerry Case, seconded by Joe Close, and the motion carried.

Pastor Tessone's Report:

Pastor Tessone is working his way through the shut-in visits for the month of November. He visited Krystal Durham and Don Wood at Bothwell.

Confirmation has started. They have gone through the 9th and 10th Commandments on Sunday, and their first test is in two weeks. Their meeting time is from 6 to 7:15pm on Sundays.

Youth group is planning to meet before confirmation classes on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Pastor Tessone has arranged and prepared all the Sunday Services through November 9th. He served the people of Amigos de Cristo on October 26th and was there today for a meeting with district representatives.

Sunday morning Bible class is going through the books of the Bible. We are going through Genesis and looked at the life of Jacob this past Sunday. Men's Bible study continues their study on Islam. Women's Bible study finished their book on following Jesus in the age of confusion, and the morning Bible study has been looking at the readings for the coming Sunday each week.

Chapel at St. Paul's continues each Wednesday; Pastor Tessone was there this morning to talk about death and the value of All Saints' Day.

Pastor Tessone attended the District pastor's conference October 12th-14th, LWML Zone Board meeting October 2nd, LifeChain October 5th, Marriage and Family Conference Meeting October 16th, the Helping Hands chicken dinner October 18th, Trunk-or-Treat October 24th, LWML Zone Rally October 28th, St. Paul's Volleyball Night October 29th, and the association meeting October 8th.

Report of the Boards:

Board of Elders: Joe Close gave the report. The membership report for October was 371 Baptized and 272 Communicants. The average October 2025 attendance was 100.

The Board of Elders held their regular meeting on October 20th. Pastor Tessone opened the meeting with a devotion and his report.

There were no changes to duty services for the next month.

The Elders motioned to approve the transfer out of Christy Ehlers, Heather Hawkins-Hoehne seconded, and the motion carried.

The Elders discussed the upcoming Trunk-or-Treat scheduled for October 24th. The Elders planned to hand out hot dogs, chips, and water.

Social activities were discussed ranging from a game night, a football watch party, to a murder mystery game.

The Elders reviewed the Telecare call sheets from the committee. Some of the calls expressed some concerns, and those were discussed. The calls are being made to active members and to those who have not attended church for years. Several of those called have asked for prayers for their family with illnesses, for the families and children, and those dealing with grief. It appears the calls are being well received and appreciated.

The Elders discussed an organist appreciation date and how to best honor the 60 years Debbie has played for Our Savior Lutheran Church. An appreciation reception is planned for Sunday, November 23rd.

The Elders discussed the results of the Voters' Meeting held on Sunday, October 19th.

Chris Nierman said he would accept his re-election to the Board of Elders.

The next Elders' meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Education: Linda Close gave the report. Youth group will be meeting Sunday, November 23rd at 5pm where they will eat and play a game. They will also be greeters before the Sunday Service on November 9th.

The Board of Education has started talking about Christmas plans, with the youth possibly singing December 21st and holding another "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party after the service.

St. Paul's Lutheran School currently has 81 students enrolled. November 10th is the end of the trimester. The school was having to resubmit forms but should have received funds from the Missouri Scholars grant. They celebrated fire safety week and had their fall parties recently. The students sold 200 mums as part of their fundraising. Basketball began October 27th with 8 or 9 games scheduled. Cheerleading began today with Jill Robinson as the sponsor. The air conditioning unit has been replaced.

The Board of Education volunteers to serve pulled pork at the Advent dinner on Wednesday, December 10th.

Board of Trustees: Earl Rasa gave the report. A workday was held on October 13th, and the Trustees painted the windows in the Sanctuary and sealed windows in the upstairs Sunday school rooms but will readdress those in the spring.

The furnace was not working in the Fellowship Hall. Dennis Estel replaced a fuse, and it is working again.

S&T kept the same price bid for snow removal this winter as last year. Beverly Dillon's grandson is unable to help this winter.

Elevator replacement bids have started coming in with TKL at \$167,500, MEI at \$120-130,000, and Masters at \$80,800. The Trustees will investigate further on what is covered in warranties, parts, labor, and general maintenance.

The Church's insurance has advised it will no longer cover leak damages unless the roof is completely replaced. The Trustees have started looking for bids and will speak with the insurance agent for further explanation. Restoration Roofing will be coming out to look at the roof soon.

Board of Finance: Rob Brines gave the report. The total inflow for October was \$26,059.70 with a total

outflow of \$16,979.20 leaving a positive cash flow of \$9,080.50. The total inflow for Budget Year 2025 so far was \$206,644.29 with a total outflow of \$199,641.92 leaving a positive cash flow of \$7,002.37.

The uncoded offerings from the last report have been corrected, and it now reflects the correct cash flows.

Committee Reports:

1. **Bylaw Committee:** Committee has finished the constitution and bylaws, and it will be voted on at the January Voters' Meeting.

2. **Fundraising Committee:** A fundraising committee will be put together soon.

Old Business:

1. **Association Vote:** Lloyd Heisterberg will set up a meeting of the OSL members of the St. Paul's Lutheran School Association committee to discuss the upcoming vote sooner.

New Business:

1. **Nominations:** Nominations for the SPLSA School Board will be gathered for the January Voters' Meeting. Pastor Tessone has received 2 names so far.

2. **Soup Suppers:** 10/3 - Board of Elders, 10/10 - Board of Education, 10/17 Council will be held at 6pm.

Other Business:

Door Offerings: 11/9 – Zoe's Home

Fellowship Opportunities: 11/26 - Thanksgiving Eve Service 7pm

Next Meeting: Monday, December 1st

Pastor closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hawkins-Hoehne, Secretary



PLEASE PRAY FOR (HIGHLIGHTED names are new additions/changes) Diane Bauer, Sandy Cordes, Nik Geotz, Wilma Gertz, Joshua Harms, Georgiann Harsch, Sharon Heinaman, Alena Hoeffling, Eden Hoeffling, Creed Kueker, Matthew Kurz, Timothy Kurz, Tiffany Camirand, Gabe Russell, Vicki Schafer, Hank & Ruth Theesfield, Carl & Aimee Tilman, Ellis Tilman, Don Wood, Mark Gudde (Richard's Son – Pancreatic Cancer), Bonnie Oaks (Recovering @ Barnes-Jewish for lung transplant), and Bill McClure. **DIAGNOSED/UNDERGOING TREATMENT FOR CANCER:**

Krista Buford, Beth Burkhardt, Penny Camirand, Kayla Dawson, Rom Fuerste, Sandy Gibson, Rebecca Heimsoth, Daniel Hoehne, Dorothy Kalthoff, Sally Kropp, Lois Kuhns, Randy Noyes, Nancy Richey, Bill Shurp, Judy Smith, and Mary West

ILLNESS OR HOSPITALIZATION: Lisa Adcock, Jamie Brandt, Rick Dillon, Brenda Dye, Karen Gerken, Harrison Hurt, Allen Kehde, Alice Lee, Joan Mansfield, Emilia Nance, Ervene Nothwehr, Bruce Tieman, Helen Walter, CJ Warner, Irma Wood, Bill McClure and Betty Goldsmith.

IN NURSING FACILITIES: Jane Stuart (Primrose in Sedalia) Ervene Nothwehr (EW Thompson Health & Rehab Center), Sandy Cordes (Primrose), and Richard Gudde (Sylvia Thompson).

MILITARY LIST: Evan Bise, Lauren Blakely (Granddaughter of Jerry Blakely), Lois Christinsen, Nick Fine, Don Griffis, Joshua Longenecker, Justin McCoy, Justin Ryun, Spencer Johnson (grandson to Barry Walter) and Matthew Yokely.

January

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

				1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 <i>Pastor Tessone Off</i>	3
4 <i>9am Communion 10am Bible Study</i>	5	6 <i>10am Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study</i>	7 <i>10am Announcement Deadline 6pm Helping Hands Mtg 7pm Board Mtg 8am Council Mtg</i>	8	9 <i>Pastor Tessone Off</i>	10
11 <i>9am Worship 10am Bible Study</i>	12	13 <i>NO Bible Study Pastor Conference</i>	14 <i>10am Announcement Deadline</i>	15 <i>6pm Women's Bible Study Begins</i>	16 <i>Pastor Tessone Off</i>	17
18 <i>9am Communion 10am Bible Study</i>	19 <i>6:30pm Elder's Mtg MLK Day</i>	20 <i>10am Bible Study</i>	21 <i>10am Announcement Deadline</i>	22 <i>6pm Women's Bible Study</i>	23 <i>Pastor Tessone Off</i>	24
25 <i>9am Worship 10am Bible Study</i>	26	27 <i>10am Bible Study</i>	28 <i>10am Announcement Deadline</i>	29 <i>6pm Women's Bible Study</i>	30 <i>Pastor Tessone Off</i>	31

JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

				<i>1</i> <i>David Goalder</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Denise Sprinkle</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Ava Burkhalter</i> <i>Edward Foster</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Skylar Hogan</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Chloe Petersen</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Zach Wiegel</i>
<i>11</i> <i>Michael Gertz</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Rozlynn Wiegel</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Rylee Wiegel</i> <i>Gary & Donna</i> <i>Coulter</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> <i>Kennedy Woolery</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Rachel Walters</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Christi Bergman</i> <i>Jamie Dehan</i> <i>Lois Gray</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Casey Schlender</i>
<i>25</i> <i>JoAnn Schlender</i>	<i>26</i> <i>Timothy</i> <i>Knoernschild</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> <i>George</i> <i>Schnakenberg</i> <i>Gail Walter</i>	<i>30</i> <i>Ryan Kreisel</i>	<i>31</i> <i>Mark Abney</i> <i>Hannah Stieb</i> <i>Anthony Wilkinson</i>