

# The Sentinel

April 2026

*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is a dynamic community,  
centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent-  
to celebrate, serve and do justice.*

**Come and see**

## **Come and See**

***Pastor Martha***

Early in John's gospel, Jesus calls his first disciples with these simple words of invitation, "Come and see." I am sure there have been millions of dollars spent by Christian organizations on evangelism strategies over the centuries, from billboards to Super Bowl commercials, but I don't think any could possibly improve upon Jesus' simple, personal, loving, direct approach. Holy Week is a time when the Spirit invites and gathers us as Christian community to "Come and see," to behold Jesus' healing power at work from the streets, to the table, to the basin, to the garden, to the court, to the cross, to the tomb, to the dawn of resurrection. You don't want to miss this!

On the journey of Holy Week, we are not merely passive observers of our sacred story – we are companions engaged in the great adventure of being the body of Christ together. We involve our whole bodies in the ritual actions and drama of these days, which in turn shape us for lives of praise and protest, loving service, lament, prayer, and fierce resurrection hope.

In addition to our 6:30 worship services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, here are some additional ways to join with our greater community to observe Holy Week. Please see the next article to learn more about these opportunities.



# ***A Path to Palm Sunday***

**Lent and Holy Week at Our Saviour's 2026**

## **Holy Week**

**April 2 Maundy Thursday**

*6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion  
and Foot Washing*

**April 3 Good Friday**

*6:30pm Reading of the Passion and Prayer Around the Cross*

**April 4 Easter Vigil**

*6:30pm Worship with Stories of our Faith, Holy Communion  
and a Feast!*

## **Wednesday Evenings in Lent**

**February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026**

*5:30pm Community Meal*

*6:30-7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer*

*7:00-8:00pm Adult Choir*

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

# PALM SUNDAY FAITH ACTION

RECLAIMING CHRISTIANITY IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

MARCH  
29

JOIN THOUSANDS OF CHRISTIANS ON PALM SUNDAY TO CELEBRATE THE CALL OF OUR FAITH TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS: HEALING THE SICK, FEEDING THE HUNGRY, AND WELCOMING THE STRANGER.

2:00PM

PROCESSION LAUNCHING FROM SEVERAL CHURCHES AT UNIVERSITY AND DALE

2:30PM

WORSHIP AND PROGRAM AT MINNESOTA CAPITOL MALL



SCAN CODE TO REGISTER.

VISIT [PALMSUNDAY2026.COM](https://palmsunday2026.com) TO LEARN MORE.



# APRIL

## WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY 4/1

NO PROGRAMMING

### WEDNESDAY 4/8

NO PROGRAMMING

### WEDNESDAY 4/15

5:30 - 6:30 COMMUNITY MEAL  
6:30 - 7:30 CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES  
6:30 - 7:30 ADULT CHOIR (SANCTUARY)

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## Adult Forums in April

Adult forums are in the Hospitality Center and available live on Zoom unless indicated otherwise. Gather and learn as we grow in our faith and relationships together.

**April 5** – NO FORUM – Join us for Youth-led Easter breakfast!

**April 12** –Lutheran Campus Ministry – Learn about our partners at LCM. LCM is one of our missions of the month. Our very own Madeline Lind will be here, and she will preach this Sunday as well!

**April 19** – Welcoming Alan Storey – Alan Storey, South African pastor and storyteller, will lead a special forum for us connecting the biblical witness to our lives of faith today. He is also leading the Manna and Mercy retreat April 17-18, and he will be preaching at OSLC on April 19 as well.

**April 26** – Welcoming Cody Sanders - Cody Sanders, a theologian and professor at Luther Seminary, will help us gain understanding of polyamory. This session is part of our holy work to keep learning and discerning as we seek to renew our Reconciling in Christ (RIC) statement and commitments this spring.

### **This Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday Faith Action**

***Gather at 1:30pm to process at Central Village Park, or at the Capitol at 2:30pm***

All ages – join us for this powerful witness! We will have pizza available after church for those who are attending this action; please RSVP to Pastor Martha or Julie and Harmon Abrahamson if you intend to stay after church. Some already RSVP'd last Sunday – wonderful.

More information can be found at this QR Code.

Looking forward to a powerful action in the streets!



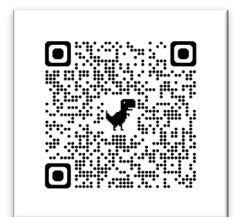
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**Tuesday, March 31 – Stations of the Cross:  
In Solidarity with our Immigrant Neighbors With  
Unidos MN, 6:30 – 8pm**  
***Pastor Martha***

Register using the QR Code.

Join us for a communal, public prayer service during Holy Week as we walk the Stations of the Cross to Alex Pretti's memorial. Our prayer will unite Christ's suffering with the suffering of our own time and ask God to strengthen our hearts and guide us more deeply to be witnesses of the Gospel to our world.

On Tuesday, there is also an opportunity to observe Trans Day of Visibility with PRISM; see more in another article.



# Let's Feast Together: Easter Vigil Celebration!

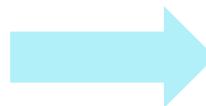
The Vigil is a night of high joy, and the celebration shouldn't end at the altar. We are looking for a team of "Joy-Makers" to help us host our annual Easter Vigil Feast!

Whether you are a master of organization or a pro at plating appetizers, there is a place for you. You can jump in by:

- Creating the Atmosphere: Helping with setup and decor.
- The Gift of Hospitality: Serving drinks and snacks during the party.
- Sharing the Bounty: Bringing your favorite finger foods or festive treats.
- The "Behind the Scenes" Crew: Helping us leave the hospitality center sparkling after the fun.

Can we count on your help to make this night unforgettable?

Join the Feast Team by using this QR Code



## Our Saviour's Easter Egg Hunt

***Elizabeth Lewis***

Calling all kids, aged toddler through 5th grade!! Join us at Our Saviour's on Easter Sunday (April 5th) at 9:45 a.m. for all the fun of our yearly Easter Egg Hunt! The location will be announced later (it depends on the weather)! We will also need adults and older kids to help with hiding and cleanup - if you'd like to help, contact Liz Lewis at [elizabeth3776@att.net](mailto:elizabeth3776@att.net).



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## **Friday, April 3 – Good Friday Walk Through Sites of Crucifixion on South Minneapolis**

**Led by Lyndale UCC Pastors, 12 – 3pm**

***Pastor Martha***

The walk will begin at Say Their Names Cemetery at George Floyd Square. We will pause and hold space at George Floyd Square, at the Renee Good Memorial, at the Karmel Mall, at an abduction site at 29th and Pillsbury, and end at the Alex Pretti memorial. People are free to walk, drive, or bike – the distance is about two miles one way. We welcome all to be present in this powerful witness in whatever way you can join. There will be poetry, prayer and singing at each site as well as time for quietness and honoring the tears on this land.

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## **Madeline Lind preaching on Sunday, April 12!**

***Pastor Martha***

Our very own Madeline Lind will be preaching on April 12 in worship as we celebrate our partners at Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM). Madeline is a student at the University of Minnesota and a leader with LCM. We hope you'll be there to hear the good word she has to share with us! May God bless her preparations and proclamation!

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## **Joint Property Project + Capital Campaign update**

***Pastor Martha***

We have some things to celebrate, church!

First, we have solar on our roof! After years of dreaming and planning, the day has arrived. We are still waiting for the solar to be 'live,' but that day will soon come. Big thanks to Nate Blumenshine for taking the lead in stewarding this process with wisdom.

Second, we have a bill in the MN legislature to get some funding for our project! Thanks to everyone who called or wrote their state senators and representatives in support. We may have other opportunities to advocate this session, and we will keep you informed.

Third, this month we will convene our capital campaign steering committee for the first time. We will be adding new leaders to the table – including Augsburg President Paul Pribbenow and sacred site tour leader Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs as honorary co-chairs. Cara Herrick is chairing the committee, and we're truly blessed to have her in this role with the many gifts she brings to this work.

Even though our committee hasn't met yet, as many of you know, our core committee has been having gift conversations with many of you. That work will be ongoing. Thanks to everyone who has already made a pledge or gift – we are gaining good momentum already towards our goal!

Fourth, Sharon Delcambre and the OSLC green team (Amy Blumenshine, Ethan Kehrberg, Joel Abrahamson) have been hard at work exploring geothermal and other green components for this project. Sharon additionally has a role with Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light (MNIPL), doing contract work to support OSLC in imagining what it might mean for us to be a 'resilience hub' in these times of climate disruption. She's already had many conversations with members to get input on this project; we will ultimately have something to share with the congregation about this work.

Fifth, we hope to make good progress this month on our legal agreement with IPM so that we're ready to sign a contract with them to officially donate the green house and vacant lot next door in October. All of this is pending a congregational vote, which we anticipate will happen sometime in May.

I continually marvel at the energy, wisdom, and faithfulness of this congregation. Thank you for your prayers, your gifts, and your presence in this community of faith. Together with OSCS, we're doing some big work. I'm grateful to see all the ways we are leaning in together.

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## **Trans Day of Visibility Events with PRISM**

***Pastor Martha***

PRISM, one of our partners, is holding a number of events to observe Trans Day of Visibility, March 31. These will be wonderful gatherings to learn, connect, advocate, and celebrate our trans siblings. More information can be found on the PRISM website: <https://prismorganizing.org/events/>

## **Christ in Our Home Devotional Available**

***Nancy Nygaard Johnson***

Pick up the April-June Christ in Our Home devotional at church in the Narthex. If you aren't able to pick one up at church, and would like one, contact Nancy at [n2j2@comcast.net](mailto:n2j2@comcast.net) or contact the church office with your name.



## **Alan Storey – Come and see**

***Pastor Martha***

I got to meet Alan Storey at Holden Village many years ago. He is truly one of the best biblical interpreters and teachers I have ever met. He is so gifted at making our sacred stories engaging, compelling and brimming with wisdom and life.

I highly recommend coming to the Manna and Mercy retreat, April 17-18! I and my whole family will be there, and we have a number of folks from OSLC already registered along with friends from other congregations and even other states. This is a very special opportunity to be renewed in faith.

In addition to the retreat, there is a special Storey & Song event featuring Mary Preus and Tom Witt at the United Methodist Church, Hennepin Ave. on April 14.

For more information and to register, check out the website: <https://www.alanstoreyinminnesota.org/>

A retreat with Alan Storey

# MANNA AND MERCY



A BRIEF HISTORY OF GOD'S UNFOLDING PROMISE TO MEND THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE

Daniel Erlander

Two identical retreat opportunities:

**Twin Cities: April 17-18, 2026**  
**Northfield: April 25-25, 2026**

Using Dan Erlander's *Manna and Mercy* book, South African pastor Alan Storey has developed a weekend retreat to take a fresh look at scripture through the interpretive lens of Jesus' life, death and resurrection and God's overall call for each one of us to partner with God in mending this fractured world. The hope is that after we have done so, our interpretations and use of scripture will be truly liberating and life-enabling for all all of creation.



Rev. Alan Storey is a gospel storyteller and facilitator of personal and political change. He is the author of the 2025 Andrew Murray Desmond Tutu Prize winning *The bell, banners & blasphemy*.

**Location:** Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Chicago Ave. & E. 24th Street, Minneapolis OR St. John's Lutheran Church in Northfield.

**When:** Begins Friday 5:15pm with dinner. All day Saturday.

**Cost:** A sliding-scale registration fee includes a Friday opening dinner, lunch on Saturday, and a copy of *Manna and Mercy* book.

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# Storey & Song

Tuesday, April 14th

7:00-8:30pm

Free and open to the public

Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church  
511 Groveland Ave, Minneapolis, MN

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Join us at Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church for an evening with **Rev. Alan Storey** reflecting on issues of faith and public witness.

Alan's brief reflections will be interspersed with songs of justice, peace and resistance led by local musicians **Mary Preus, Tom Witt, and Bret Hesla** (from *Bread for the Journey*) and well-known liturgical composer **Marty Haugen**.

Come and join us as Alan facilitates conversation and local musicians invite us to sing new songs that move us forward in hope and courage.

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He will be in Minnesota for two  
weeks speaking in a variety of venues.

For more information on his  
full schedule, go to:

<https://www.alanstoreyinminnesota.org>



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## Sunday, April 5 - Easter Breakfast

### *OSLC Youth*

Come at 9AM for Easter Breakfast Fundraising host by OSLC Youth! We need help to set up and clean up! If you can come between 8-9AM and 10-10:30AM to help, please email Jen Thaney ([jenthaney@gmail.com](mailto:jenthaney@gmail.com))

We love to see you! All donations will be going towards 2027 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis!

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## Mark your calendar!

### *Pastor Esther*



Mental Health Connect annual Stories of Hope breakfast is coming up on May 7th and we hope that we can have a table again! Tables of 8 seats are \$150, like in the past. This year's theme is finding hope in community, and we'll be hearing from Pastors Ingrid Rasmussen, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Hierald Osorto, San Pablo / St Paul Lutheran Church.

Please use the QR Code to read more and register.

**Thursday, May 7, 2026**

**8:00 - 9:00 am | Doors open at 7:00 am , Mount Olivet Lutheran Church**

Get ready to feel inspired together! This year we lift up the collective practice of hope and the ways we build resilience in community.

Enjoy delightful music, savor a delicious breakfast, and mingle with fellow community members. Let's come together to hold hope and support one other! Doors open at 7:00 for coffee and conversation.

Register today!

Questions? Please reach out to me if you would like to attend! We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Mission of the Month: Lutheran Campus Ministry & Reconciling Work

### *Pastor Esther*



April is a shared month. The organizations will each receive half of donations. If you would like to donate specifically to one organization, contact the church office 612-871-3967.

Lutheran Campus Ministry-Twin Cities is a young adult ministry at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities that centers the unconditional love of God, and is marked by curiosity, integrity, and a commitment to creating belonging for one another and our neighbors.

Reconciling Works is a national organization that, since 1974 has advocated for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual/aromantic (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their Church, congregations, and community.

**Online giving** - If you are interested in giving online to Our Saviour's for the Mission of the Month or general offering, use this QR Code. Your donations will be greatly appreciated by these two meaningful organizations.

## Serve with Us this Holy Week!

***Jeanne Heer***



Our Holy Week services are fast approaching, and we still have several openings for Ushers. Can you help us ensure everything runs smoothly?

It's a wonderful way to participate in the liturgy while serving our community. We have plenty of slots available across all service times!

See where you can help: check April Sign Up by using the QR Code



# GODLY PLAY

## Godly Play Core Training Opportunity this Spring or Fall

***Suzanne Burke***

Wondering about our Godly Play ministry? This way of being with children has been offered and practiced at Our Saviour's since Fall 2007. A core training hosted at Our Saviour's is being planned for this Spring or late Summer/early Fall. Consider registering for this training if you would like to participate in hands-on learning about Godly Play's goals and methodology, want to support the spiritual guidance of children more intentionally and deeply, or simply desire a transformative spiritual retreat just for yourself. We hope to train more adults for the roles of storyteller and door person in the Godly Play environment so that we can sustain and expand this ministry with our active and growing group of children, but attending the training does not commit you to either role. Come and see! Come and experience. Please let Suzanne Burke ([revsuz70@gmail.com](mailto:revsuz70@gmail.com)), Pastor Martha, or Pastor Esther know if you are interested in this training so that we can soon settle on dates that work for the greatest number of participants. Watch for dates and registration information in the next Sentinel and in the weekly updates.

To learn more about Godly Play, visit [www.godlyplayfoundation.org](http://www.godlyplayfoundation.org).

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## Praying in the Spirit: Nurturing Children in Three Communities, One Neighborhood – Year 1 Completed

***Pastor Esther and Sarah Lindley***

Praise God! We successfully completed Year 1 of the Praying in the Spirit grant cycle on time and in full.

Beginning in January 2025, we focused on building relationships with All Nations Indian Church (ANIC) and San Pablo/St. Paul Lutheran Church (SPLC), while also forming a cohort at OSLC. Together, we co-created

programs and faith formation opportunities for young children and their families, established administrative structures, and listened deeply to discern how to begin this shared work.

The year of 2025 unfolded amid significant challenges in our broader community. Increased immigration enforcement actions, including the cruel presence of federal agents, acts of violence and mass killing, and ongoing fear and instability among immigrant and nonimmigrant neighbors deeply impacted our communities. These realities required us to pivot. Alongside our ministry goals, we prioritized care and solidarity—supporting our neighbors through emergency responses, speaking publicly for immigrant justice, and showing up for vigils, marches, singing and community gatherings.

And yet, even during these challenges, we celebrate the following milestones:

- 70% of participating children demonstrated an understanding of how prayer connects to daily life through worship, storytelling, and prayer practices.
- 30–40 families regularly practiced home worship, using prayer wall kits; preschool and kindergarten children wrote prayers by adapting familiar songs and creating Prayer Snack Mix together.
- At least 20 children retold Bible stories in their own language or cultural context.
- 3–5 children and families led prayers in more than 20 Sunday worships, with increased family participation in prayer at home.
- Congregants experienced at least three different cultural worship expressions and explored embodiment as a practice of anti-racism.
- Five neighborhood-wide events (Las Posadas, Spirit Is Alive, Sacred Site Tour and a shared multilingual worship service) welcomed 25–50 participants from the Phillips neighborhood.
- More than 200 engagement opportunities (Godly Play, Sunday school, shared events, youth choir, community meals, children’s sermons, and summer camps) where children actively explored and expressed their faith.

Each partner congregation also made meaningful milestones:

- **All Nations Indian Church (ANIC)** developed a welcoming youth room and created space within the sanctuary for children and youth during worship. They also hosted community-building activities such as Bingo nights and mental health conversations.
- **San Pablo/St. Paul Lutheran Church (SPLC)** expanded its children’s space and community center, hosted free health clinics, and developed Spanish-language curriculum to help children engage Scripture and share Bible stories in their own voice.

As we transition into Year 2 of Praying in the Spirit Lilly Grant, we give thanks for the relationships that have been formed and deepened—within the OSLC cohort, among leaders and congregants across all three churches, and especially among children, youth, families and grandparents. Together, we have worshiped, learned, and grown. We also remain mindful of the challenges our communities continue to face. Moving forward, we are committed to being even more intentional in gathering together for worship, shared events, and children’s programs that nurture faith, resilience, and belonging.

Stay tuned—more stories are to come!

## CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

Kent and Alyssa here. We hope this lenten season has been meaningful for you and your family.

Holy Week is upon us! If you play a woodwind, brass, or string instrument and are interested in playing any music for any of the services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday) please let us know! We would love to have you share your gifts!

[Kent@oursavioursmpls.org](mailto:Kent@oursavioursmpls.org) & [Alyssa@oursavioursmpls.org](mailto:Alyssa@oursavioursmpls.org)

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## NEW CHOIR TIME: 6:30 PM

Beginning April 8, adult choir rehearsals will move to Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., rather than 7:00 p.m. Children's programming will take place concurrently, so caregivers can plan for their children to be engaged during rehearsal time.

We hope this earlier start time will make participation more accessible, especially for those who have found later rehearsals challenging to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

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## OSLC Outreach Brunch – May 30

*Pastor Esther*

If YOU are currently volunteering or serving at Our Saviour's in any capacity or interested in learning more about doing outreach with our neighbors, partners and congregation, you are invited to join us for OUTREACH BRUNCH on Saturday May 30, 2026, from 10-12PM at Hospitality Center! A light breakfast will be provided! See you!

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## Wilderness Canoe Base Work Weekend

*Nancy Nygaard Johnson*

Mark your calendar for Fri May 15th thru Sun May 17th for our annual work weekend at Wilderness Canoe Base. We'll head up Friday morning and come back Sunday. We will be doing various projects around the camp to help them open it up for the season. Watch the weekly update and the May Sentinel for more details and how to sign up.

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## Construction on Franklin Avenue

This month, construction on Franklin Ave will impact travel to and from our campus.

Starting Monday, March 23rd, westbound Franklin Avenue is closed between Lyndale and LaSalle/Blaisdell avenues and between First and Chicago avenues. Eastbound Franklin Avenue is reduced to a single lane for local access only.

Learn more about the project and get updates using the QR Code



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# April Hospitality and Ushering Volunteers

*Jeanne Heer*

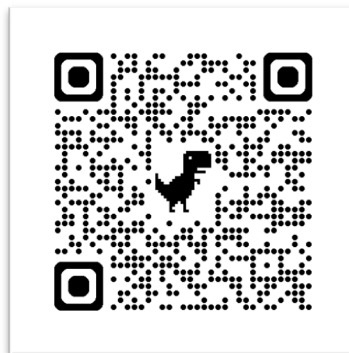
Hospitality will be at 10:00AM before worship. After worship there will be a small treat especially for any newcomers at church.

This month's volunteers are members whose last name begins with S through Z. If this includes you, please sign up for a couple slots on the QR Code below.

If you have questions please contact the April Team Leaders:

<b>March Team</b>	<b>Team Leaders</b>
Last names S - Z	Paula Keller <a href="mailto:plkeller53@gmail.com">plkeller53@gmail.com</a> Lucy Selander <a href="mailto:lucyseland@gmail.com">lucyseland@gmail.com</a>

Please use the QR Code to go to the signup Genius to help or bring treats



# **The Centurion's Moral Moment**

***Amy Blumenshine***

As we approach Good Friday, we'll hear once again the story of the Centurion at the Cross. This Roman military man of elevated rank and status—he may have been in charge of the crucifixions --was so moved by what he saw that he proclaimed at Jesus's death, "Surely, this was God's own."

That moment in history changed him. He recognized a greater power than the Roman code of honor through vengeance and violence. Via a just man and his followers in this scene of torture, the Centurion realized he had been giving his life to an unjust system. We can imagine him saying, "I've been working for the wrong person. Money, lies, injustice, authoritarianism won't be my god any longer."

Tradition holds that this "commander of 100" converted and was baptized, returned home to Turkey, where his (God's) works resulted in him being known as St. Longinus. This story was brought to my attention by the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II who has been preaching towards a new moral revival with the Poor Peoples Campaign.

Rev. Dr. Barber and I are among the many who recognize the moral dilemma currently faced by US military who want to be on the side of virtue. The Center for Conscience and War reports a 1000% increase in current military seeking conscientious objector status. Their executive director reports: "They're scared of killing in a war that they don't believe in. They're scared of the long-term moral consequences of their actions in this moment right now."

Particularly troubling to them is that a school full of girls were among the first victims of the US bombs. Such atrocities have been well-known in the Israeli genocide of Gazans; the Israel-US bombing of civilians and their life-sustaining infrastructure in Iran is understood to be more of the same breaches of professional morality. Many active duty want nothing to do with it.

Imagine the soul wounds in store for those who are required to commit war atrocities. Keep in mind that the current administration has threatened powerful congressmembers with execution for simply reminding military of their requirement to refuse illegal orders.

Chaplains have been among those who recognize the lasting harm of those violations of deeply held moral principles. The "rules of war" are intended to protect the perpetrators as well as "the enemy;" they were intended to protect the humanity of both. Indeed, contrary to the current proclamation that our military should not be constrained in any way from killing people and breaking things, chaplains know that most combat military will spend years personally dealing with the consequences of what they have done. Indeed what we practice tends to be what we become. Hurting non-combatants can lead to arrested moral development and a damaged capacity for trust/intimacy. Thus they have created a personal world in which they can't stand to live.

The Centurion at the Cross had a shift in consciousness and the courage to act upon it. He is recognized as the first gentile follower of Jesus.

Recognizing that we are all on a learning curve, we followers of Jesus reach out to those who have been misled into hurting others—even as we search our own behaviors. May we echo this refrain sung by the chorus of 1500 (including OSLC members) to the federal agents persecuting our neighbors during Metro Surge. Hear God's invitation:

"It's not too late to change your mind.

Show us your courage; leave this behind.

It's okay to change your mind,  
And you can join us,  
Join us here any time."

Here's an opportunity to channel grief and outrage into action by protesting the Israeli surveillance company Palantir: <https://afsc.org/purge-palantir>

- See Our Moral Moment Podcast "Look and Live" 3.16.26.. <https://ourmoralmoment.substack.com/archive>
- The international treaty to which the US is a party recognizes the right of military members to claim selective conscientious objection to particular wars or methods. The US practice, however, has required objection to all wars. Local Lutherans were among those who argued for selective CO during the Vietnam War.

By Annie Schlaefer

**Our Wednesday  
vegetarian community meals  
at 5:30 at the Hospitality Center  
are re-starting on April 15!**

**Marcin Cienski**

Alex, my mom, and I warmly invite you to join us.  
We'll be surprising you with new dishes and improved recipes,  
We can't wait to share them with you!

Ps. If you have any dietary restrictions, please email  
[marcin@oursavioursmpls.org](mailto:marcin@oursavioursmpls.org)



**You are invited to join the weekly dinner at GMCC  
every Tuesday**

**Pastor Esther**

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC), and the Conflict Resolution Center (CRC) continue hosting weekly Community Caring Dinners with our unhoused neighbors and those may be experiencing mental health and substance use challenges. The conversation is facilitated by Dr. Raj, Associate Professor at Metropolitan State University who experiences circle conversations on restorative justice, trauma and healing and community building. It has been a meaningful experience for me to attend the dinner and be part of caring conversations.

The dinner is every **Tuesday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the GMCC facility on 1100 E. Lake Street Minneapolis**. If you like to come on any given Tuesday or you have questions, please email me at [esther@oursavioursmpls.org](mailto:esther@oursavioursmpls.org)

## Lectionary Text for Home Devotions

### April 5

Acts 10:34-43  
Jeremiah 31:1-6 (alternate)  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Colossians 3:1-4  
Acts 10:34-43 (alternate)  
Matthew 28:1-10  
John 20:1-18 (alternate)

### April 12

Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

### April 19

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

### April 26

Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

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## PRAYER LIST

Brian Meyer's father, Darrell, passed away on March 1. Pray for Brian and his family as they grieve, and especially for Brian's mother, Donna.

Sharon Thompson, recovering from a broken wrist

Rebekah Fergus's dad, Marty (Rachel Fergus's grandfather) just found out he has stage 4 lung cancer. He will start chemotherapy soon. Pray for peace, comfort and love of God as he prepares for treatments.

Martha and Fayez Farchat, Cindy Devereaux's cousins, living in southern Beirut, Lebanon. Pray for safety as they live in the center where attacks are occurring.

Pastor Esther Sianipar's aunt, Rentina, is deeply grieving from my uncle's death and navigating her late husband's church and ministries while preparing for Yabes, her son to continue his education in Australia on a full scholarship. Please pray for comfort, peace, and tenderness for Pastor Rentina and Yabes.

Angela !Khabeb was recently hospitalized due to another fall and fractured her spine. She is home and slowly recovering. Pray for God's healing, comfort and gentle presence.

Glenda Elder is experiencing discomfort in her back. Pray for strength and healing. Glenda's sister, Brenda is diagnosed with cancer. Pray that she can tolerate cancer treatments and surround her with love.

Marilyn Preus, Mary Preus's mother, recently had a fall and now she is in hospice. Pray for peace, rest, and loving support during this tender time.

Pam Wurster has been diagnosed with stage 1 pancreatic cancer. Please pray as she undergoes chemotherapy, likely every other week for six months and for Sandy Aslaksen as she provides support and care.

Pray for the families of Alex Pretti and Renee Nicole Good as they grieve the tragic deaths of Alex and Renee, both of whom were killed by federal immigration agents in south of Minneapolis. Pray for our city — its leaders, pastors, lay leaders, medical teams, educators, families, and children — for healing and resilience. Pray for ICE agents, that harm would be reduced, for an end to violence and weapons, and for justice to be served.

Alfred Flomo's surgery will be on March 25 for prostate cancer. Pray that all process will go smoothly.

Irving Rodriguez, the son of one of the ELC staff who received a letter to be deported to Mexico. The lawyer plans to sue the Office of Immigration and hopes to move up Irving's court date to dismiss the case. Lawrence Johson, Hawah Borbor's grandson who is detained in jail. Pray for Irving and Lawrence to be safe and to have positive legal representations.

Rebekah Schultz who is slowly recovering from a hit and run in a bike accident. She ended up with concussion, two pelvis fractures and L5 vertebra fracture. She is recovering at home. Pray for healing.

Karen Winans just had a fall. She is now home. Pray for speedy recovery.

Pray for our Somali, and immigrant neighbors who are feeling fearful about their legal status and unsafe due to the current administration.

Rebekah Fergus' friend and business partner, Dan, recovering from a fall off a ladder.

Alexandra Locke, wife of Noah and daughter-in-law of Burce Pederson, had a stroke and is currently in speech-language therapy. The stroke did not affect her body movement. Pray for healing and a full recovery of her communication abilities.

Paul Hnath, for strength and endurance.

Pray for an end to gun violence and all kinds of violence in our neighborhood and globally, and for the safety and well-being of young children and youth during this difficult and divided political world.

Pray for Elaine Doorenbos, mother of Laura Kehrberg, who has been diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia and in hospice. Pray for Elaine's comfort and peace and for her husband and family during this difficult transition.

Our unhoused neighbors, who are spread out, seek shelter, mental health and stable housing.

Bruce Bakke is undergoing treatment for prostate cancer - pray for healing and strength

Anton Moore is experiencing medical issues. Pray for healing and support and safety.

Pray for our LGBTQIA+ siblings that they find the restoration of a community, justice and equity in this divided world.

Peace and justice in Venezuela, Israel and Palestine, Iran, Lebanon, Ukraine, Sudan, the United States, and around the world. May the global economy and conflict be reconciled with the needs of people.

Undocumented adult immigrants in Minnesota who have just lost access to full health coverage and essential services through MNCare, that they may be guided to alternative sources of care for their physical and overall well-being.

Dave Hawkinson, a friend of Cindy Deveraux, suffered multiple fractures in a car accident and is currently in assisted living for his recovery. Pray for a full recovery.

Those who have lost their jobs due to executive administrative decisions. May they find strength, hope, and confidence as they seek new opportunities.

For our members working in government during these challenging times: Deb Swenson-Klatt, Tal Anderson, Nate Blumenshine, Ken Lewis (in county government), those working in city governments, and our teachers and school administrators. Also pray for federal employees, especially those in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion roles, which are being dismantled along with the vulnerable children, families, and communities they serve.

Those experiencing mental illness, isolation, and anxiety especially for Mateo Baumgartner, son of Ralph, struggling with mental illness.

Carolyn Green is recovering from chemotherapy and prays to remain cancer-free following her recent ovarian cancer diagnosis.

Noah, son of Bruce Pederson, is experiencing vasculitis and is responding well to cancer treatment.

Erica Larson, a dear friend of Tal Anderson and a colleague of Pastors Martha and Esther in the synod, who is undergoing treatment for stage 4 breast cancer.

Julia Klatt Singer, sister of Dan Swenson-Klatt, is still recovering after a hit-and-run accident. She is back at work, but her heel has not fully recovered. Please also pray for the driver involved.



**OUR SAVIOUR'S**  
Lutheran Church

## April at Our Saviour's

Wednesday, April 1	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts in the Narthex (DIN)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
Thursday, April 2	6:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion and Foot Washing
Friday, April 3	6:30pm	Reading of the Passion with Stations and Prayer at the Cross
Saturday, April 4	9am - noon	Quilting (HC)
	10am - noon	Easter Vigil Rehearsal
	6:30pm-7:30pm	Worship with Stories of our Faith, Holy Communion and Feast
Sunday, April 5	9am - 10:15am	Easter Breakfast
	10am	Choir
	10am-10:30am	Hospitality (HC)
	10:30am	<b>Worship in Sanctuary and Online</b>
	11:30am - 12:15pm	Hospitality, announcements and fellowship (HC)
Tuesday, April 7	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, April 8	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts in the Narthex (DIN)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
Saturday, April 11	5pm - 9pm	Indigenous Cooking Class (Kitchen+HC)
Sunday, April 12	9am	Faith formation for all ages – Nursery, Godly Play, Sunday School, Adult Forum
	10am	Choir
	10am-10:30am	Hospitality (HC)
	10:30am	<b>Worship in Sanctuary and Online</b>
	11:30am - 12:15pm	Hospitality, announcements and fellowship (HC)
Tuesday, April 14	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, April 15	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts in the Narthex (DIN)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
	5:30pm	Community Meal (HC)
	6:30pm-7:30pm	Children's Activities
	6:30pm-7:30pm	Choir

Friday, April 17	5:15pm - 9pm	Manna and Mercy Retreat at OSLC (see article)
Saturday, April 18	8:30am - 6pm	Manna and Mercy Retreat at OSLC (see article)
Sunday, April 19	9am	Faith formation for all ages – Nursery, Godly Play, Sunday School, Adult Forum
	10am	Choir
	10am-10:30am	Hospitality (HC)
	10:30am	<b>Worship in Sanctuary and Online</b>
	11:30am - 12:15pm	Hospitality, announcements and fellowship (HC)
Tuesday, April 21	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, April 22	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts in the Narthex (DIN)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
	5:30pm	Community Meal (HC)
	6:30pm-7:30pm	Children’s Activities
	6:30pm-7:30pm	Choir
Saturday, April 25	10am - noon	Property Work Day
Sunday, April 26	9am	Faith formation for all ages – Nursery, Godly Play, Sunday School, Adult Forum
	10am	Choir
	10am-10:30am	Hospitality (HC)
	10:30am	<b>Worship in Sanctuary and Online</b>
	11:30am - 12:15pm	Hospitality, announcements and fellowship (HC)
Tuesday, April 28	12:45pm-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
	4pm-6pm	GMCC: Caring Community Weekly Dinner (1100 East Lake Street)
Wednesday, April 29	8:30am-9:30am	Donuts in the Narthex (DIN)
	10:15am-12pm	Bible Study in Person and on Zoom
	5:30pm	Community Meal (HC)
	6:30pm-7:30pm	Children’s Activities
	6:30pm-7:30pm	Choir