



Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Serving God's Community through
Worship, Outreach and Fellowship

March / April 2026

Sunday School for adults 8:45-9:45am
Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Church Office: 540-382-2223 / OSLCoffice@oslc-cburg.org

Weekly office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 10am-3pm or by appointment

Church Website and Calendar of Events: www.oslc-cburg.org

Worship and Music:

- ***Lenten Prayer Service / March 26th at 6:00pm***
 - On March 26th we will gather for a time of grieving, personal prayer, and reflection together through worship as we do well during the Lenten Season. After the service, the group will get dinner together at a local restaurant where they can share in conversation, support one another, and participate in healing as group in hope.

- ***Palm Sunday Worship / March 29th at 10:00am***
 - Traditional Palm Sunday Procession with a Passion Sunday Reading during the liturgy.
- ***Stations of the Cross***
 - Our Stations of the Cross has three different offerings for the community:
 - Blessing of the Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday.
 - ***12:00pm / Good Friday Stations of the Cross Worship***
 - Self-Guided Walks available all week via QR Code
 - Choose what works best for you!
- ***The Steve Brown Requiem / March 29th at 4:00pm***
 - Join us at 4:00 on Palm Sunday (March 29, 2026) as we perform the North American premiere of the late Steve Brown's setting of the Requiem Mass, which he wrote in late 1978 while stationed in Brussels, Belgium. In addition to the OSLC Choir, community members who knew Steve are also joining in this effort. This is a rare opportunity you don't want to miss! Admission is free, though donations for our Fine Arts Fund will be graciously accepted.
- ***Maundy Thursday Worship / April 2nd at 7:00pm***
 - A traditional Maundy Thursday liturgy with communion at 7:00pm.

- **Good Friday Worship / April 3rd at 7:00pm**
 - A traditional Tenebrae service with guest leadership from Pastor Allison Unroe (Christiansburg and Fairlawn Presbyterian) and Pastor Libby Pfaff (Nineveh Lutheran Justice Ministry)
 - Additional Worship that day is offered at 12:00pm / Good Friday Stations of the Cross Worship
- **Easter Sunrise Worship / April 5th at 7:00am**
 - (Outside) - Bring your own chair and worship with us outdoors as we experience the sunrise and the rising of the son!
- **Easter Potluck Breakfast / April 5th at 8:30am**
 - bring a dish to share and join us for fellowship!
- **Easter Worship / April 5th at 10:00am**
 - a traditional Easter worship service in the sanctuary.
- **Lessons and Praises Worship / April 12th at 10:00am**
 - We continue the celebration of the Easter Season through reading the resurrection stories from the Gospels and singing our favorite Easter hymns!

Sunday Adult Bible Study:

Details for Spring 2026

Join us at 8:45 – 9:30 am on Sunday morning. We will use N.T. Wright’s book, *The Challenge of Acts*, to guide us through our reading of the Acts of the Apostles. This remarkable short history of the early church reveals the courage, faith, and love that emboldened the disciples to participate in the “Acts of Jesus and the Holy Spirit” following the ascension of Jesus.

We will encounter the celebrations and conflicts of the early church and recognize how they persist to this day. May we be challenged to see how our ministries at OSLC present God's love to our communities. Contact John Hess for more information (jlhess@vt.edu)

Book Club:

The Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, April 1st at 2:00pm (time change from 1:30) to discuss *Alive* by Piers Paul Read. Come join us. All are welcome. Marilyn Zeckoski (mjz111@yahoo.com)

Preacher’s ‘Tiquers:

Love antiquing? Love good food and fellowship? Come join us in a carpooling effort to visit area antique shops together and participate in some table fellowship with your siblings in Christ!

April	Friday, 24th	Blue Ridge Antique Center & Willow Tree Antiques and Primitives	Holly Jo's Creekside Grill	9:00am
May	Friday, 29th	Verona - Factory Antique Mall (Largest Antique Mall in America!)	Edelweiss German Restaurant	8:00am

Join the Mowing Team:

With spring soon to be upon us, we are seeking individuals willing to mow the church lawn. Please contact Jeff Crowder to volunteer, or sign up on the list on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Weekly Bible Study:

This group will meet April 1st during Holy Week but then will take a break for two weeks (April 8th and 15th) while Pastor is away on vacation! They will start back on the 22nd.

The Big Event:

April 11th – Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks and then come out that day to help us care for the property we get to call home. This effort is helped by volunteers from VT and is a great way to share our ministry and witness in the community while contributing to the beautification of our grounds.

The Food Ministry:

The following information concerns Food Ministry activities during the period of report of Mar 1st through Mar 7th. During this reporting period, **213 lbs** of food items were purchased or donated. Items were delivered to MCEAP on March 3rd, to Bristol Minnick on March 4th. Thanks go to the congregation for their monetary and food donations, which are the foundation for the success of the OSLC Food Ministry Program.

Easter Egg Hunt:

Ages: 2months - 5 years old

This event is meant to cater to and nurture the littlest ones among us this Easter. We will have some games, a free lunch (mini corndogs, chips, and fruit) at 12pm, and an offered egg hunt. We invite you to bring your child and invite friends to come and enjoy some fellowship with us that day!

LT2 Learning to live together:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 13 1:30-3pm at OSLC Contact John or Ann Hess 540-382-8235, (jlhess@vt.edu)

Eklesia Youth Fellowship:

- Our youth are combining their efforts with Asbury UMC and Park UMC for a joint youth group known as the Christiansburg Youth Partnership. The first meeting of this group will be April 12th from 3-5pm.

Come Support one of our Youth and CHS Arts Program:

Don't miss our local Christiansburg High School spring events featuring our own Kylen Porter:

- Thursday-Saturday 3/19-21 Drama (non-musical)

- 3/27 (Fri) and 3/28 (Sat) Night at the Theatre (choir/band collaboration) Kylen is singing a duet and in at least 1 bigger number. This is a lot of small groups doing musical theatre type songs and is a big fundraiser.
- 4/18 All State Choir concert in Richmond (presumably the Porter's may be the only ones driving to Richmond)
- 4/30 CHS Spring Choir Concert - Kylen is in 2 choirs and will be recognized with other seniors at the end
- 5/15-17 The SpongeBob Musical - Kylen is in the chorus

Pollinator Garden:

The Monarch butterfly migration starts in March and continues into May. Let's get ready!!

As they travel north, they mate and lay their eggs on milkweed plants, which are the only food source for the monarch's caterpillars. This intricate life cycle ensures the continuation of the species across multiple generations. Additionally, monarchs play a significant role in the ecosystems they migrate through, as they contribute to the pollination of various plants, which is vital for maintaining biodiversity and ecological balance.

OSLC Pollinator Garden is ready for clean-up and preparation for the return of the Monarchs and other important pollinators.

Talk to Jo Burroughs, Jeanette Wiggert, Fred Rencsok and/or John Hess to learn more and find a good time to begin work on the garden.

Gather after fellowship, weather permitting, Sunday March 22 and/or 29th,,. Have garden shoes available to walk around the garden and talk about next steps. Anyone is welcome to join the excitement of butterflies and pollinators. Talk to Jo after church or give her a call at 540-381-3262

Comfort Clothes:

next delivery is currently scheduled for April 24. Donations requested until Sunday, April 19. All clothes accepted.

PMO Update:

March 10, 2026

- Fourteen kids currently enrolled.
- Robyn Bennett has been hired to begin work in June because Brittany is less available in the summer. We are in the process of running background checks.
- Lorin met with Pastor Joel on March 3 to discuss the teacher handbook that is to be used for teacher training. Kris made 5 copies of the teacher handbook to give to each teacher.
- In September, the plan is to open classroom 2 for the 4-year-olds, teacher Brittany; classroom 1 for the 3-year-olds, teacher Nikki, nursery for toddlers, teacher Robyn. Lorin will help with all the classes.
- Lorin will have a new grandbaby due September 10. I will be taking care of the baby full time. The plan for PMO is for me to continue into the fall but reduce my teaching time. Most likely, another teacher will be hired to cover my spot during the fall. I will continue to work with PMO in a supportive, administrative role.

Community News and Opportunities:

**A fun evening
April 9!**

**Literacy NRV
18th Annual Scrabble Tournament for Literacy
Thursday, April 9, 2026
Omni Place Event Center in Fairlawn.**

This event raises funds for adult literacy programs. It will be a fun evening of friends, food, drinks, and exciting Scrabble play!

All proceeds from this fun evening support free tutoring for adults to provide them with the skills they need for personal independence and family self-sufficiency. Our programs include one-on-one tutoring, basic computer skills and Family READS programs, GED and U.S. Citizenship preparation, and our English for Life classes.

Words can change the world! We look forward to seeing you there.
John and Ann Hess invite 4 folks to join them to fill out 2 three member teams at this event. Our treat. Although you are also welcome to support the cause as you wish. Email: jlhess@vt.edu or phone 540-357-0355

Radford Baseball at Virginia Tech

When: April 14th

Time 6:00pm

Where: English Field in Blacksburg

Details: Enjoy free admission to this game between our two local schools! Wear your colors and look for other OSLC folks to sit with at the game!

Have Something For The Newsletter?

To add items for the next OSLC NEWS, including any specific thanks. Thank you for reading and your feedback on efforts to keep the congregation informed!

Please email: Ann Hess at: <mailto:annahesspottery@gmail.com>