

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

"Messenger"

November, 2019

***"Through the Grace of God We
Are Worshiping, Sharing,
Growing"***

LSS: "Campaign for Hope"

At three worship services—November 10, 13, and 17—we will host Liesl Hovel and will hear the story of Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota. LSS serves people throughout our state in many ways including counselling, adoption, welcoming immigrants, supporting young and old, and serving those most in need. And we serve by supporting this work. Presently LSS has a campaign to make some improvements in the three major cities where they have offices—Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Aberdeen—and they will come to share that vision and invite our pledges of financial support. We hope you will worship with us and respond to this important work we do beyond our church walls. Our Missionfest worship on November 17 will be followed by a potluck brunch and an opportunity to ask questions about the work and projects of LSS.

Blood Drive November 18

Again we will host a blood drive at Our Savior's before the Thanksgiving holiday on Monday, November 18, 11:30-5:30. Thanks to Alane and Dawn who coordinate this event, to the volunteers who provide food and serve it during the drive, to the helpers from SDDC who set up on that Monday and move things back on Tuesday, and to all who volunteer to give blood that is so urgently needed. Go online or contact Dawn or Alane to sign up.

Radio Broadcast Troubles

Thanks to all who have reported the problems they have had hearing the radio broadcasts. We are trying to fix it but let us know if you notice it is getting better or worse.

Christmas Celebrations

It may seem a long way until Christmas but the preparations begin now—Our Savior's will host the **Christmas Cantata** this year on **December 15 at 4:00 pm** followed by supper. Practices for the cantata begin Sunday, November 3 at OSL at 7:00 and each Sunday evening until the cantata. All singers are welcome to join in our happy noise.

The WOW Christmas Program will be held twice again this year—**Wednesday, December 11, at 6:00 pm** and **Sunday, December 15, at 10:30 am**. Some of the WOW time in up-coming weeks will be spent practicing the songs and preparing for the program.

Finally, we begin observing the four weeks Advent this year on Wednesday, November 27, and Sunday, December 1. The candles will be lit and we will await the coming of the Lord. **Christmas Eve** will arrive on Tuesday, December 24, and we will **worship this year at 5:00 PM**. This is an hour earlier than we have been worshipping so please spread the word to any who will join us for this service of carols, candles and Communion.

Meet the Bishop- Rev. Constanze Hagmaier

Bishop Constanze and her staff will be in Aberdeen on November 14—postponed from October when we had the storm—to meet us and hear from us what we want our Synod priorities to be. Come with questions, with ideas, or just with an open mind to share and hear what others have to say. Meeting time 6:30-8:00 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

From the Pastor's Desk

Laughing at Death?

Halloween has become a big business. A quick internet search tells me that Americans spend billions on this holiday—for costumes, for decorations, and for candy. What was originally a celebration of the harvest has become an opportunity to gather candy and to disguise ourselves as whomever or whatever we want to be. Not just for kids anymore, almost half of American adults also dress up for Halloween.

The Celtic roots of Halloween imported from Ireland were based in fear. The dead returning is a frightening thought so we light bonfires and wear costumes to scare away the ghosts, or we wear masks so we look like the dead ourselves so they don't bother us. Halloween was a day to deal with our fear of death.

In contrast, the Mexican celebration of the Day of the Dead welcomes the return of the dead to our world. This joy-filled three-day celebration includes welcoming children back to their families, welcoming adults back to life and finally, on the third day, welcoming all the dead. Death is seen as a normal part of life and our fear of death is something to laugh at.

The Church has evolved similarly over the years—from funerals that once emphasized fear and the bitter loss of death with black clothes and sad faces to our modern "Celebrations of Life" that invite us to share good memories but barely acknowledge our feelings of loss and the grief that naturally follow a death. One such "celebration" I presided over included a poem that suggested death doesn't change anything. I don't think that is true.

I believe we need a healthy balance—it is normal to fear death as the unknown, a separation from those we love and all that is familiar. It is also healthy to cling to the good memories, to the love of the person and to celebrate the life lived. And we need both—the joy of life and the reality of sorrow and mourning. But above all we need hope, the hope promised in Jesus' resurrection and our own. A hope that does not lead the dead back to this world but to a new home in heaven as Jesus promises in John 14:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled . . . believe in God . . . in my Father's house there are many rooms . . . I go to prepare a place . . . and I will come and take you to myself. . ." Why would the

dead wish to return to this world when Jesus has died to take us to a heavenly home?

So wear a mask or have a party, dress as a superhero or a princess or a ghost, read spooky tales or Harry Potter stories of witches and wizards—but whatever else you do, trust the Lord to be with you in this world and the next. And yea, though you walk through the haunted house or the shadow of death, you need fear no evil. . .

Pastor Brian

Church Council Highlights

October 21, 2019 at 5:30 pm

- Call to order – Mary O'Donnell
- Ritual – candle lighting and devotions
- Minutes from September 16, 2019 approved.
- Treasurer's report approved
- Voted to move \$5000 from the Building Fund to cover the 2019 custodian expenses
- Voted to continue the Gold Plan in 2020 for Pastor Brian's health insurance
- Pastor's report included one funeral, nine new members; blessing of quilts and kits; Bibles presented.
- Radio broadcast is not being heard well; will contact radio station (note; think increasing bandwidth with resolve issues.)
- The LSS "Campaign for Hope" presented November 10, 13 and 17 with a potluck on Sunday the 17th.
- Dishwasher funds—need to decide whether to transfer remaining funds into operating funds.
- Christmas Eve worship at 5:00 pm.
- Taking Faith Home copies available
- The opportunity to meet Bishop Hagmaier postponed to November 14
- Many positions need to be filled by nominating committee so will start early to prepare.
- Transfer out Kim Markley to Good Shepherd Lutheran in Bismarck, ND.
- Revamping Christmas program to practice for December 11 and 15
- Hosting Cantata and meal December 15 at 4 pm
- Continuing work on the OSL website and fall dinner November 3
- Next meeting is Monday, November 18, 2019 at 5:30 pm

LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION

We had our first Wednesday meeting for LYO in October and we had 16 youth in attendance!!!! It was great. We read a devotion, had a short meeting and then ended the evening with a picture scavenger hunt. We are collecting food for our November meeting to take to the Food Pantry and will start working on blankets. Also helping with the fall dinner again with the pies and desserts.

Children's Ministry

Bibles and Bible Storybooks

Pastor Brian had the chance to meet with our three-year olds and second graders and their parents on October 16, reminding them of the God who is revealed in the stories of our Bible. And reminding these parents that they promised in Baptism to share God's Word with their children, as we placed into these young hands the Holy Scriptures. Receiving Bible Storybooks were Joey Becker, Tenley Marlow, Haddie Masat, Adelee McMahan, Aydon Odland and Maddy Stroud. Receiving Bibles were Allie Boothe, Bentley Hartman, Jack Lewis, Braelen Marlow and Braxton Marlow. Blessings on sharing God's story.

Lutherans Outdoors Summer Bible Camp registration opens on November 4.

Looney Lutherans in Watertown

Some years ago we hosted this group, related to the Church Basement Ladies, here at Our Savior's. Rumor has it that they will perform for a Women's Night Out at LCOOR (Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer) in Watertown on November 11 at 7:00 pm So if you don't have other Veteran's Day plans maybe you want to get a group together and ride over for an evening of laughter.

Women of the ELCA, OSL

ThankOffering:

The ThankOffering Services will be held on Wednesday, November 6th, and on Sunday, November 10th. Your ThankOffering will be collected during those services, or you can turn it in to the office by Sunday, November 17th. If you have the envelopes sent to you with your October newsletter, please use them, if not, any envelope will work by marking it "ThankOffering".

Annual Meeting and Nominations

Our annual meeting is still most of three months away—January 19, the third Sunday of the month—but we have many offices and jobs to fill so it is time to get started. Let us know if you feel called to any of these responsibilities:

Officers: President and Vice-president (each 1-year terms)

Committee Chairs (also council members) for:

Spiritual and Financial Gifts (2 years)

Children's Ministries (3 years)—Caitlin Hoots

Welcome and Outreach (3 years)—Dixie

Jungwirth eligible for re-election

Endowment Committee (5 years)

Memorial Committee (3 years)

Farm Committee—1 for 4-year term, 1 for 6-year term

Delegates to Bethesda Homes Annual

Meeting—4 for 1-year terms

Nominating Committee—2 for 1-year terms

Auditing Committee—2 for 1-year terms

Financial Challenges

As all of you know, this has been a rough year for farming—the constant rain made it hard to plant, hard to grow crops, and now hard to harvest. Some of you are out there working and worrying yourselves to death. Please do not isolate yourselves. And if you are concerned about a neighbor, please reach out to a pastor or someone to get them help.

And when farmers are hurting then our whole South Dakota economy is hurting and many business and jobs and people are affected. Again practice love of neighbor and let's help each other through this rough time.

The Church is also challenged in these times—your council and committees have tried to find savings and move money around some to ease the pressure, but we are always spending more than we are giving in offerings

Food Truck

The feeding South Dakota truck will come once again this year—Thursday, November 21 at 11:00—at the armory. If you know people who need food, encourage them to come this day. Bring your own boxes or bags.

New Member Introductions

On Wednesday, October 2, we received two families of new members. Here is a brief introduction but we hope you learn much more about them:

Kevin and Naomi Kocer, Camden and Marlowe

Both Kevin and Naomi grew up in southern South Dakota and they moved here last year (July 2018) when Kevin was hired to be business manager at Redfield School. They live just two blocks from the church and Naomi is presently staying home to be with her young children, who are often seen out for a walk with her along 1st Street. Camden is five and in preschool. Marlowe is two. We see the Kocers often a WOW. Their sponsors are Adam and Mallory McMahan

Erin Betten and her children, Collin Dean, Rollie, Tory and Jhet

This family also got started at Our Savior's coming for WOW classes, meal and worship. Collin is oldest, born thirteen years ago right after they moved to Redfield and is now in 7th grade. He likes football, golf and wrestling. Rollie is nine and in 4th grade; he also likes football and wrestling but is also in 4H and loves to hunt and fish. Tory is almost seven and likes school, dance and girl scouts. And Jhet is five, also a wrestler and hunter. Erin is originally from Webster, where she attended worship at the Lutheran Church. She keeps busy with husband, Jon, keeping up with the kids and working at SDDC. Their sponsors are Heather and Landon Roach.

We are delighted to welcome these new members and hope to receive more new members into our congregation soon.

November

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Regular Sunday Schedule 9:00 am – Worship 10:00 Fellowship Acolytes listed each week. Additions listed weekly			Regular WOW Schedule 4:40 pm – WOW Classes 5:15 pm – Supper 6:00 pm – Worship 6:35 pm -FINK Additions listed weekly		1	2
3 Acolytes: Peyton Hilbrands Maddon Odland 11 am- 1 pm – Fall Dinner Communion 2:30 pm – Avantara 3:15 pm – Eastern Star 7 pm – Cantata practice	4	5 10:30 am-Pastor’s Text Study	6	7 7:30 am – Bible Study	8	9
10 Mission Sunday Thankoffering Deacons deliver Communion Acolytes – John Boothe, Nicholas Becker 7 pm – Cantata practice	11 1 pm - Quilts	12 10:30 am-Pastor’s Text Study	13 Mission Worship and Thankoffering	14 7:30 am – Bible Study Pastor’s Conference 6:30 pm – Meet the Bishop	15	16
17 Harvestfest - Potluck Acolytes - Hunter Binger, Jayde Englund 7 pm – Cantata practice	18 11:30 am – 5:30 pm Blood Drive 5:30 pm - Council 7 pm – Joy/Peace Circle	19 10:30 am-Pastor’s Text Study	20 1:30 pm – Love Circle	21 7:30 am – Bible Study	22 12 pm - RAMA	23
24 Acolytes - Cole Schroeder, Kaitlyn Schroeder 7 pm – Cantata practice	25 1 pm - Quilts	26 10:30 am-Pastor’s Text Study	27 NO WOW Student activities 6 pm – Worship only	28 Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed Community Thanksgiving Meal	29 Office Closed	30

2019

1 Corina McClain
 Kolby VanDerWerff
 2 Scott Brink
 3
 4 Brad & Kristina Jessen
 Turner Lewis
 Tory Betten
 5 Mike & Bev Rogers
 6
 7 Coyer Stroud
 8
 9 Christian Rohrbach
 10 Landon Rohlfs
 11 Henry Dunkel
 Bob & Melva Miller
 12 Stan & Kari Schultz
 Eli Englund
 Shad Storley
 13 Colleen Rohlfs
 Damen Pochop
 Al Felchle
 14 Scott Hamilton
 Jeff & Staci Uzzle
 15 Christen Rose
 Stacey Marlow
 Zachary Jordan
 16
 17 Trevor Frost
 Trista Frost
 18 Randy Maddox
 19 Zocha Foss
 Karli Kraft
 Sierra Minnick
 20 Ethan Perez

21 Nicole Roth
 22 Larry Price
 Doug Simons
 Amy Rissmann
 Alan & Diann Steinheuser
 23
 24 Dick Crawford
 Alan Steinheuser
 Ken Swanson
 Matthew Jessen
 Tucker Bohl
 25 April Schulte
 JP Spotanske
 26 Gordon Blume
 Vonnie Richter
 27 Tim Masat
 Tony Weinzirl
 28 Ashley Pies
 29 Bryce Hochhalter
 30 George Larsen
 Robert & Francelle Fuss
 Scott & Paula Hamilton

Please help us to keep our records accurate by reporting omissions and errors.

Memorial Gifts

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

- Tables of various sizes
- Additional portable microphones
- ELW hymnals
- Library Fund
- Endowment Fund
- Organ Fund
- Radio Broadcast Sponsors
- Video Equipment Fund

October 2019 Statistics

Transfers out: Kim Markley
 Transfers in: Erin, Rollie, Tory, & Jhet
 Betten and Collin Dean
 Kevin, Naomi, Camden & Marlowe
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 There were no, Baptisms, deaths
 or Marriages.

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Sunday Worship – 9:00 am
Fellowship – 10:00 am

Our Sunday worship service is also
broadcast live on radio station
KNBZ, 97.7 FM, at 9:00 am.

Wednesday

WOW Kid's Classes (3 yr-7th) – 4:40 pm
WOW Supper – 5:15 pm
WOW Worship – 6:00 pm
FINK – 6:35 pm

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday: 9 am – 3 pm

Church Office – 472-2640

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Brian Wasmoen, Pastor

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Della Osborn, Custodian

Lisa Lewis, Treasurer

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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THANK YOU:

Congratulations and Thank you. You good folks and the Food Pantry are winners of the 'Great Church Challenge.' You good folks have helped to restock our very needy shelves. You also helped to fill our freezer with pork. We greatly appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness in remembering this home mission. This was a fun way to restock our shelves. May the Lord bless you for your generosity and faithfulness in this work.

Penny Ihnen & Sherry Wurtz, Co-Directors

Many, many thanks for the cash donation to the Family Crisis Center. We are thankful for your generosity. This money assists those victims staying at the Shelter following a domestic violence situation, sexual assault, stalking or elder abuse. Thank you for thinking of us.

Janelle J. Fortin, Executive Director

Thank you to Doug and Diane Dangel for delivering the Lutheran World Relief boxes to Aberdeen. We filled the pickup box this year.

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

October - 2019

Weekly Offerings –

Operating - \$ 9,867.60

World Hunger - \$ 155.00

VANCO – September

Operating - \$ 1,508.26

Disaster Relief - \$ 10.00

Evangelism - \$ 10.00

World Hunger - \$ 10.00

FAITHFUL READERS

The next meeting of the Book Club will be December 19 at 2 pm in the church library. The book to discuss is The Noel Diary by Richard Paul Evans.

Website Work

Thanks to our Welcome and Outreach Committee and Sandi McNeil, we have our website up again. Some things are still in process but check it out at oslredfieldsd.com. You will find many new things like our weekly bulletin, monthly newsletter and calendar to name a few. Please check it out and let us know what you think. Younger people today find and check out our church online before they ever come through our door—so let us know if you think our website makes the right first impression.