

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

"Messenger"

February 2024

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

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Our Saviors was held on Sunday, January 21, at 10:15 am. The meeting was called to order by President Randy Maddox, followed by a devotional by Pastor Joy Proper.

The secretary's minutes were approved from the January 15, 2023 annual meeting and the May 21, 2023 special congregation meeting. The treasurer's report for calendar year 2023 has received a clean audit and was accepted.

The individual committee reports were approved as printed in the annual report.

The 2024 budget was reviewed and approved.

The sanctuary upgrade project was reviewed with the next step being the sound booth. A unanimous ballot was cast for:

President – Melissa Zastrow, 1 year term

Vice President – Joseph Lutter, 1 year term

Welcome/Outreach – Amanda Evans, 2 year term

Building and Grounds – Don Masat, 3 year term

Youth Ministries – Dana Lewis, 3 year term

Audit Committee – Jim Ellenson & Doug Christensen, 1 year term

Endowment Committee – Tracy Pochop, 5 year term

Memorial Committee – Sonja Gabriel, 3 year term

Farm Committee – Randy Maddox, 6 year term

Nominating Committee – Butch Odegaard, Tonya Odland, Samantha O'Daniel, 1 year term

Bethesda Home Corporation – Henry & Diane Dunkel and Doug & Diane Dangel, 1 year term

There was no new business.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Diane Dangel, Secretary

Help needed

Facebook & Sound Board

If you are looking for a new way to serve in the church, we have a couple of opportunities for you! Ray Dunn generally runs the Facebook live for Sunday morning worship but is getting more and more calls to lead worship elsewhere. The ministry is much appreciated by those who utilize it so we are going to need some new people to help keep it going. There are printed step by step directions, and Ray will gladly train you for a couple of weeks before you do it on your own. We could also use a couple more soundboard techs for Sunday mornings. The system may look intimidating, but what we actually use on a weekly basis is pretty simple! Training is also available if you are interested in helping with this. All ages from high school and older are welcome! Please contact Ray Dunn or Melissa Zastrow if you have questions or to offer your services!!

LENT

Lent begins February 14. We will have our WOW classes and supper that evening. The worship service will begin at 6:30 pm with the Confirmation students, Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Volunteers are still needed to provide the meal on February 21, & March 6. Each week worship will begin at 6:30 pm.

From the Pastor's Desk

February 14th is Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of Lent. But what does that even mean? What is Lent about? Why do we do what we do?

Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury describes Lent thusly: "It's not about feeling gloomy for forty days ... It's about preparing for that great climax which is Easter - new life bursting through death. And we prepare ourselves for Easter during these days, by prayer and self-denial, what motivates us and what fills the horizon is not self-denial as an end in itself but trying to sweep and clean the room of our own minds and hearts so that the new life really may have room to come in and take over and transform us at Easter."

So, if you will, Lent is a spiritual spring cleaning for our hearts and minds. And Ash Wednesday is the start of that and it's a reminder that what clutters up a lot of our lives isn't worth all that much in the end, only moth eaten and rusted reminders of something that used to matter. It's time to reflect on who we are and who we want to be, on our relationships with those around us, and on our relationship with God. For as much as this culture denies death, we are dust and to dust we shall return. And when we are little more than dust, Christ calls us to resurrection. What about us is worth resurrecting and what is best left to the moths and to rust?

And how do we live that out during Lent? Some people give stuff up, some people adopt new practices, and some people just have a lot of soup and bread. And doesn't seem like there's one right thing for everyone to do. Practices that work for one person, may not work for another. Instead what matters is how what you do works for you. It's about internal

change more than about external appearance. If you give something up, is it because it's a handy way to lose weight while sounding pious rather than like you're dieting? Or is it to change your relationship with something that's had a hold over you? Do you seek to reshape your priorities? Are you giving something up because its absence helps to remind you to focus on God? If you take up a new practice is because it sounds fun and you've been looking for an excuse to try it? Or would it help those around you or help you to grow? Are Lenten church suppers only about the food or are they about connecting with the community in Christ?

Lent's about sweeping out all that is dusty and rusty. And it's about tilling the soil, enriching the soil, preparing the soil, and seeding the soil of our hearts. It is about preparing for Easter and for our own resurrection. It's about pruning the branches and growing and learning to flower and bear fruit. It is about preparing for what is to come.

Pastor Joy

Bits & Pieces

If you were unable to attend the annual meeting, there are copies of the book containing the written reports from Our Savior's as well as many of the different areas we support in South Dakota Synod on the table by the sound system. Pick one up.

Parents of our young people- it is time to get your students registered for the Lutheran Outdoors Bible Camps. Go to losd.org to learn more and to register your child. Then be sure to tell the office so you can receive your financial help. If you have questions talk to Melissa Zastrow and she can help you.

Childrens Ministry

We are busy learning about the Armor of God in WOW classes this fall. Our lessons are based on Ephesians 6:10-18. We are focusing on verses 14-17 which read, "Stand firm, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Week one focused on telling the truth. In week two, we looked at being righteous or trying to make good choices. Week three was all about peace. We look forward to the rest of the lessons in the upcoming weeks!

WOW kids will sing in 6:00 worship on February 7th. Come enjoy their two songs! One is about the armor of God, and the other might be recognizable to some from church camp or other youth church events. They are ready with their actions and voices!!

We will take a week off from WOW classes on February 21st. Enjoy the day of rest. We do still have 5:30 supper and 6:30 worship this evening as part of our Lenten season.

Melissa Zastrow

Spiritual & Financial

There are still a few assigned envelopes on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you have not picked yours up be sure to do so.

With the \$ increase in the amount of charitable gifts that are allowed by IRS many of you are using the standard deduction so you do not need a printed statement. But for those of you that need one be sure to let the office know.

The special Ash Wednesday offering will go to World Hunger.

Women of the ELCA, OSL

Our local Women's group is hosting the Spring get-together in April for the Northern Plains Conference. The date has been chosen and it is Saturday, April 13. The Conference executive board will meet here at Our Savior's on Saturday, February 10, to make plans. Watch the newsletter, bulletin, Facebook page and the website for more information. Plan to attend this inspirational day. We will also be asking for volunteers to help that day.

South Dakota Synod News

You are encouraged to subscribe to the weekly Synod e-news so that you can stay informed and updated with all that is happening throughout the South Dakota Synod of the ELCA. This can be done by visiting www.sdsynod.org. Scroll down to the bottom of the home screen where it says "Sign-up for Synod News" then hit the orange sign-up button and enter your contact information.

50 years of World Hunger

In 2024 we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Lutheran World Hunger and all that has been accomplished through it as a church. However, we also face new challenges as food insecurity rises across the globe.

In 1974, as hunger skyrocketed around the world, Lutherans in the United States started World Hunger appeals which grew into ELCA World Hunger, which now works to address the root causes of poverty in 64 countries around the world, including the United States.

We look ahead to all we have yet to accomplish. The number of people living in hunger approaches numbers we haven't seen in nearly 20 years. Rising costs, global conflict, climate change and the pandemic are making the numbers worse. Every Dollar given goes to provide both food and educating people to be self-sustaining to provide their own food. We here in South Dakota can help by donating our dollars to World Hunger along with your regular operating offering. Just mark your \$ "World Hunger."

Visit ELCA.org/WH50 for more information and resources!

February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
9 am – Worship 10 am – Fellowship <i>Additional Announcements listed weekly.</i>				1 7:30 am – Bible Study	2	3
4 Holy Communion	5	6 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	7 4:4pm – WOW Classes 5:30 pm – Supper 6 pm – Worship, Kids sing 6:35 pm - Confirmation	8 7:30 am – Bible Study	9	10 Northern Plains W/ELCA officers meeting, F H
11	12	13 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	14 Ash Wednesday 4:40 pm – WOW Classes 5:30 pm – Supper 6:30 pm - Worship	15 7:30 am – Bible Study 1:30 pm – Love Circle, Lakeside 2 pm – Faithful Readers	16	17
18 Holy Communion Home Communion Worship 2:30 pm, Avantara 3:00 pm, Eastern Star	19	20 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	21 NO WOW Classes 5:30 pm – Supper 6:30 -pm – Lenten Worship	22 7:30 am – Bible Study	23	24
25	26	27 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	28 4:40 pm – WOW Classes 5:30 pm – Supper 6:30 – pm Lenten Worship	29 7:30 am – Bible Study		

2024

1 Elizabeth Roeber
 Dale Lewis
 Marlene & Bob Brugger
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 3 Sandy Lewis
 Taylor Jessen
 4 Sarah Simpson
 5 Alex Gregg
 6 Larry Nielson
 7 Michel Brink
 Tayson White
 8 Bob Stroud
 Katelyn Lewis
 9 Lorraine Fischer
 Halie Martchinske
 10 Jim Schroeder
 Cora Jessen
 Brooke & Becky Stephens
 11 Sharon Rezek
 12 Tom Walder
 13 Kaylin Frost
 Morgan Markley
 Jeffrey Uzzle
 14 Gracie Fast
 15 Erin Betten
 16
 17 Shawn Doren
 Terry McClain

18 Kaden Piehl
 Wyatt Piehl
 19 Marvin Olson
 Brooklyn Peterson
 20
 21 Kathy Olsen
 Hudson Binger
 Todd & Robin Harty
 22 Tony Fountain
 23 Collin Olsen
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 28 Ross Boots
 Deb Mills
 Jackson Hekrdle
 Jessica Curtis
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Call the church office with
 corrections or additions to
 this list.

Memorials

Undesignated –

In memory of Michael Schelske from Ruth
 Jessen & Clark & Diane Roeber

In memory of Gloria Roos from Sandra
 Blume

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

- Banners
- Church Signs
- ELW hymnals
- Endowment Fund
- Library Fund
- Technology, Projection & Sound
- Radio Broadcast Sponsors
- Sanctuary Fund

January 2024 Statistics

There were no baptisms, deaths, marriages,
 transfers in or transfers out.

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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.
Also on Facebook

Wednesday

WOW Kid's Classes (4 yr-6th) – 4:40 pm
WOW Supper – 5:30 pm
WOW Worship – 6:00 pm
Confirmation – 6:35 pm

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday: 9 am – 3 pm

Church Office – 472-2640

Pastor Joy Proper – 541-255-8455

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Our Savior's Lutheran Staff

Pastor Joy Proper

Thordys Blume, Secretary

Della Osborn, Custodian

Dana Lewis, Treasurer

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**"Through the grace of God we are
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THANK YOU:

Thank you so very much for your wonderful cash donation to the Tri Co Good Samaritan Center. We have partnered together for many years! We work together to help with the needs in our communities. We greatly appreciate your generosity and faithfulness to this home mission. Thank you again dear friends. Sincerely, Penny Ihnen & Sherry Wurtz, Co-Directors

Dear OSL – Thank you for the scholarship money. It will be put to good use during my student teaching and studies. Once again, thank you and know it is appreciated. Leyton Rohlfs

We'd like to thank you for your donation to our Relay for Life Team. While Relay events have been put on hold in Spink County, our team is continuing the mission. Your donation will be sent to American Cancer Society, along with the funds that our team continues to raise. To keep up on events that our team is doing, you can find us on Facebook under Northwestern Strollers. Again thank you for helping us continue the mission to find a cure! Northwestern Strollers Relay for Life.

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

Weekly Offerings – January 2024

Operating - \$ 8,565.64

Christmas - \$ 50.00

VANCO – December 2023

Operating - \$ 1,286.88

Sanctuary - \$ 20.00

FAITHFUL READERS

The book club will meet in the OSL church library at 2 pm on February 15 to discuss the book A Little Liar by Mitch Albom. The new reading list for 2024 is on the west shelf in the Library. We welcome you to join us for discussion and fellowship.

The book for April 18 is Book of Last Names by Kristin Harmel. The books will be placed on the shelf on the NW library wall labeled Book Club. The books will also be available at the Redfield City library. Please be sure to put your name & date on the card and leave it in the card file.