

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

"Messenger"

February 2026

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

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Our Savior's Lutheran Church was held on January 18, 2026, at 10:15 am. Joseph Lutter called the meeting to order. Pastor Joy led the prayer. The secretary's report and the reports with summaries of the 2025 business of the congregation were approved. Dana gave a short explanation of the Treasurer's report and answered any questions that members had. She also presented the 2026 budget from the church council and answered questions. Both reports were approved.

Don Masat and Kari Schultz presented plans for the Sanctuary update. This includes the remodel of the front of the sanctuary, the floor covering for the Sanctuary, the south Narthex, and the hall and entry in office wing. These projects were approved. This will bring us closer to the end of this project.

The election was held. We need a Vice President, and Spiritual/Financial leader to serve on the Council and a member for the Farm, Memorial, and Nominating Committees. If you can fill one of these positions talk to a current church council person.

LENTEN SEASON

Lent begins on February 18 with Ash Wednesday and continues for five more weeks. During this season our Wednesday worship service will move to 6:30 pm. Supper will be served beginning with Ash Wednesday and the next five Wednesdays. Serving will start at 5:45 pm.

The Ash Wednesday service will include hymns, scripture, message, confession of sins and forgiveness, imposition of Ashes, and Holy Communion.

The Confirmation students will help with the services the next five weeks, beginning February 25, with skits, lecture, and ushering as part of their Confirmation Education. Each service will also have a message and hymns.

The special Ash Wednesday offering will go to Lutheran World Relief to be used where it is needed most. The special Lent Offering will be split 50% to ELCA World Hunger and 50% to the local Ministerial Association for local emergency needs. A WOW student will also pass the noisy bucket to collect noisy and quiet money to go to God's Barnyard, a project of the ELCA.

From the Pastor's Desk

Do you know where the word "Lent" comes from? I'm talking about the church season that starts on Ash Wednesday, not the word that's the past tense of "lend," because, yes, they come to us from different words originally. The word for the forty day Christian season of repentance comes to us from the Middle English word "lente" which means springtime. I suspect that for many of us, when we think about the liturgical season of Lent, our thoughts may not be as cheerful as when we think about springtime. Lent is a solemn season starting with the great solemnity of Ash Wednesday. It involves reflection and repentance. Springtime can involve more thoughts of sunshine, flowers, growth, a release from the cooped up-ness of winter. But there is something to remember in Lent's springtime origin. We can get stuck on Lent as that "time we feel bad about our selves" which, though Lent is solemn and penitential, is not the point. Lent is about looking at ourselves honestly enough to see where we fall short, to see where we need a spring cleaning of the soul, and to straightening up so that we too can grow and bear fruit. We too are called to growth and change just as we see in the earth in springtime.

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The gospel text from John (John 18:1-19:42) used on Good Friday in the Lutheran church is incredibly theologically rich. It is also incredibly long. It will also largely be heard only that one time during the year. Yet many pastors, myself included, will

only preach on a small part of that text on Good Friday. This is, of course, because the text includes Jesus' death on the cross, which is central not just to Good Friday, but to the whole of our Christian faith. If we fail to preach on something so vital, I can't help but feel we might be falling down on the job. Yet there is so much more in the text that needs to be heard. So, this Lent, on Wednesdays, we will go piece by piece through the Good Friday reading from John in a service of prayer and contemplation. Pastor Joy

2026 Church Leaders

Church leaders for 2026 are:

- Pastor Joy Proper
- President – Joseph Lutter
- Vice President – still need
- Secretary – Diane Dangel
- Treasurer – Dana Lewis
- Buildings/Grounds – Don Masat
- Children's Ministries – Morgan Piehl
- Spiritual/Financial – still need
- Welcome/Outreach – Allison Marlow
- Worship – Diane Dangel
- Youth Ministries – Amanda Evans

Thank you to these members that will lead the ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in the coming year.

There are two positions that still need to be filled – Vice President and Spiritual/Financial Gifts. If you would like to fill one of these positions, or would like more information about the position, talk to one of the members of the council.

Wednesday Worship during Lent will begin at 6:30 pm each evening. Supper will be served starting at 5:45 pm.

All are welcome.

Children's Ministries

February brings new lessons for our WOW students. We will continue with Jesus's life and his miracles he gave to others to show God's love and power. Pastor Joy will also provide a lesson and demonstration of burning the palm leaves to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

We will host our "soup"er bowl challenge on Wednesday, February 4th. Please bring a can of soup to donate to the Tri-County Good Samaritan Center.

WOW students will sing on Wednesday, February 11th at the 6 PM service.

Lenten services begin on Wednesday, February 18th, in which the service time will be moved to 6:30PM. We are looking for families to prepare and/or donate to Lenten suppers.

No WOW on Wednesday, February 25th. Morgan Piehl

YOUTH

7-12th grade LYO finished 5 fleece tie blankets that we will donate to the Redfield hospital. The next LYO will take place February 25th.

7th and 8th grade confirmation will help with Ash Wednesday and begin 5 weeks of Lenten skits the next week. As the year continues to fly by, I wanted to say how proud I am of all the youth in our congregation. They take part in so many extra curricular activities it's a joy to see them succeed, and help out in the local communities. Amanda Evans

Women of the ELCA, OSL

Kari Schultz has decided it is time for a new W/ELCA chairperson with some new ideas. If you are being 'called' to serve, talk to Kari.

Spiritual & Financial

This position on the church council is currently open. Kathy Olsen continued to fill this for an extra year. She has fulfilled the extra time and we need a person to fill the final two years of this term. If you are interested talk to Joseph or give Kathy a call for more information about the responsibilities of the position.

Also at this time we are looking for another person to help count the offering on Sunday mornings to fill the position Larry Crook helped with. You would be paired with a current member. Let the office know if you are interested.

DEMENTIA DIALOGUES

Community Memorial Hospital and the Redfield Area Chamber of Commerce have scheduled a "Dementia Dialogues" workshop for April 13-15 at the EMS Center. It is a 3 evening, 5-module, evidence-informed nationally registered training course designed to educate community members and caregivers for a person who exhibits signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD). For more information contact Renee Robbins by email: renee.robbins@sdfmc.org or by phone at 605-484-1297.

This workshop is free. Each session will run from 5:30 pm to 8:15 pm and includes a Light Supper.

You need to register by April 10. There are information sheets on the shelf by the sound system with the details.

There is continuing education credit available for several professions, so check it out.

February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p>1</p> <p>9 am – Worship 10 am – Fellowship</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Burning the Ashes 6 pm - Worship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time 11 am – Food Truck</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9 am – Worship 10 am – Fellowship</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Burning the Ashes 6 pm – Worship, Kids sing</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time 1:30 pm – Love Circle</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9 am – Worship, Deacons deliver Communion 10 am - Fellowship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Ash Wednesday 5:45 pm - Supper 6:30 pm – Worship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time 2 pm – Book Club</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9 am – Worship 10 am - Fellowship</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>No WOW Classes 5:45 pm - Supper 6:30 pm – Lenten Worship L Y O</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9 am – Worship 10 am – Fellowship</p>	<p>30</p>		<p>Wednesday Schedule- 4 & 11 5 pm – WOW Classes 6 pm – Worship 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm–7th/8th grade Worship & Confirmation Changes/additions listed weekly</p>			

FEBRUARY

1 Elizabeth Roeber
Dale Lewis
Marlene & Bob Brugger
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3 Sandy Lewis
Taylor Jessen
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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 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 Alice Bot from Carol Lund
In memory of Gladys Meyers from Alan &
Diann Steinheuser
In memory of Ida Anderson from Theodore
& Karen Gredvig

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

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

January 2026 Statistics

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

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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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 Classes – 5:00 pm

WOW Worship – 6:00 pm

6:35 pm – Confirmation Class

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

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THANK YOU:

Dear Our Savior's. Thank you so very much for your continued support for the Tri Co. Good Samaritan Center. We have finish up with a very busy holiday season! We helped 259 families who received holiday meals with 140 children receiving Christmas gifts. We could not do this without good folks like you. May the Lord bless you for your generosity and faithfulness to our communities.

Penny Ihnen & Sherry Wurtz, Co-Directors
OSL, Thank so very much for your generous donation to Redfield Area IV Senior Nutrition. It will go a long way towards helping feed our elderly.

Cyndi Bakman, program manager

Dear OSL – Thank you for your donation that will be used to create safety and offer acceptance to others. Your gift is made real I lives changed, families strengthened and communities growing more resilient. We are one step closer to ensuring that all people in SD will be healthy, safe & accepted.

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

Weekly Offerings – January 2026

Operating - \$ 7,975.06

VANCO – December 2025

Operating - \$ 1,626.10

Sanctuary - \$ 20.00

FAITHFUL READERS

Faithful Readers Book Club will meet in the church Library on February 19 to begin a new year of reading and discussion. Everyone that enjoys reading books is invited to join us. Check with Linda Schroeder for more information.

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THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. FILL
IT UP AND SUPPORT THOSE LESS
FORTUNATE.**