

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
**Redfield, South Dakota**

***“Messenger”***

**March, 2020**

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

**ENDOWMENT REPORT**

The Endowment Fund of Our Savior's Lutheran Church is held mostly in a perpetual “pooled trust” fund managed by the ELCA Foundation. The 2019 summary is as follows:

**The beginning balance on January 1, 2019 was \$140,980.95.** Additions included memorials for three individuals and interest totaling \$10,070.52. Monies spent included \$2400 for college scholarships, a \$2000 grant to the OSL Campership Fund and \$700 towards OSL quilters expenses. The ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust reinvested \$5,875.92 and the change in market value was a \$22,051.21. **The ending balance on December 31, 2019 was \$173,878.60.**

The ELCA Pooled Fund total is \$167,775.23 and the checking account at Great Western Bank balance is \$6103.37 for a total of \$173,878.60.

Your gifts to the Endowment fund can increase our congregation's scholarship support of our youth and/or extend and improve our congregation's missions. You can give memorials, make bequests through wills, or make donations to these funds anytime knowing that your gift will further the work of the Church and affect lives for many years to come.

Diane Dangel, Financial Recorder

**Shy Lutheran Ballot** included in this newsletter. This is your opportunity to shape our worship and give input to the Worship committee. Fill out either the *Sunday Morning Version* or the *Wednesday Evening Version* and return to the church office. We appreciate your responses and any comments and suggestions.

**Sanctuary Improvements**

**The Sanctuary Project** was initiated at our annual meeting January 26. This project will begin with restructuring the steps in the chancel and getting all the pews repaired and refinished by Pheasantland Industries. We will also eventually put the pews straight again and hire someone to put new flooring in the entire sanctuary and narthex. Consideration will also be given to the chancel furniture, to lighting and sound and tech improvements as we go. The council will propose changes to the congregation for approval. Since the annual meeting we have taken the first steps forward:

- Assigned Don Masat as our General Contractor
- Set up a Sanctuary Fund to receive memorials and donations
- Contacted Pheasantland to tell them we plan to have pews done there
- Recruiting volunteers/trailers for hauling the pews
- Talked to those who will plan and bid the chancel projects

So we have taken these first steps and when we know more about a timeframe for getting the pews done we will be raising the funds needed for this work. In the meantime, a few donations have already been received for the project.

# From the Pastor's Desk

## Time to Evaluate

If you run a farm operation, if you have a family, if you are a teacher or health care professional, if you are a coach, a businessperson, an administrator or a person on the journey of life, you know that there comes a time to evaluate. To look over the numbers, to read about the trends in your industry, to go to the doctor for a physical, to compare what you are doing to what others do, and to ask what are we doing right? What needs to change? How can I improve?

Lent is a time when we might evaluate our personal lives, our relationship to God and to one another. It is a time when the pastor puts ashes on our heads—young and old—to remind us that life is fleeting and we know not when it will be over. These ashes challenge us to consider how we stray from God in sin and whether we want to live our lives separate from God or in greater obedience. In these ashes we acknowledge that have been shaped by God's hands and breathed into with God's own breath—to give us talents and energies and a purpose to serve. Time to evaluate: how am I doing as a child and servant to God?

Lent is also a time to evaluate life together as the people of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. At recent annual meeting and council meetings, we have put several things in motion:

- We invited you to fill out a survey to evaluate how we react to one another and to visitors at our church. (Only about a dozen were returned.)
- After several years of evaluation, we presented initial plans for a Sanctuary Project to update a 60 year old sanctuary to function for many years to come.
- Although we celebrate that our membership numbers grow each year, we pause to evaluate our list and remove those who are not active (or even nearby) for a more accurate count.
- And in this newsletter and at worship we intend to hand out a "Shy Lutheran Ballot" to invite your evaluation of our worship. If you usually worship on Sunday or more often worship on Wednesday, there are a few short answers and room for any comments you want your pastor and worship committee to hear. Please take a few minutes and fill it out and return it.

So let us—as the church in service to God—take time to evaluate. To continue what is good and to ask God's forgiveness for our sins, and God's help and blessing to change what could be better.

Pastor Brian

# Church Council Highlights

February 17, 2020

- Call to order – Karmen Weinzirl
- Welcome to new members— Karmen Weinzirl, Randy Maddox and Josh Hilbrands
- Appointed Lisa Lewis as treasurer and Diane Dangel as secretary
- Approved the council minutes from January 13, 2020
- Accepted the annual meeting minutes
- Accepted the treasurer's report
- Approved the Resolution for Reimbursements for 2020
- Established a Sanctuary Fund as directed at the annual meeting.
- Officially designated Don Masat as general contractor for the Sanctuary Project. A progress report from Don was shared.
- Josh contacted the offering counters and created a schedule.
- Designated offering schedule through Easter was approved.
- The membership list will be reviewed and updated.
- Council members will serve the Lenten meal on March 25.
- Council is going to try meeting on third Sundays at 5:30 pm
- Worship Committee discussed liturgies, hymnals and Victory Feast. Will poll the congregation.
- W/ELCA annual books are completed.
- Approve the transfer of Wallace, Sandy and Jacob Lien to Messiah Lutheran
- Synod Stewardship program will be considered when available
- Youth Ministries: FINKs leading Lent; LYO will provide Easter breakfast and early worship
- First Communion and WOW kids singing on Palm Sunday
- Next meeting is Sunday, March 15 at 5:30 pm

# LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION

**Holy Week** our LYO youth will meet on Wednesday evening, April 8, at 6:35 pm to plan the Sunrise Worship and breakfast for Easter morning at 7:00 am.

**The National Youth Gathering** is scheduled for June 29-July 3, 2021 in Minneapolis. Seven of our youth have expressed interest in attending the Gathering. They will begin planning and fund-raising for this trip soon. Your first opportunity to give to support these youth will be when they and their families serve the Lent meal on March 4.

## Children's Ministry

WOW students will process with Palm Branches on Palm Sunday. They will also present special music during worship.

**First Communion** will be offered on Palm Sunday, April 5, to children in fifth grade and above who attend the Sacraments class on March 29 at 10:15 am. One or more parent should attend the class with your child.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Check out these suggested books to read in the church library.

**Children:** Easter story books displayed on the top shelf on north wall.

**Adults:** The Ultimate Gift and The Ultimate Life by Jim Stovall (These two books are easy reads, best if read in order. The stories challenge you to look and improve your attitude in life.)

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens (This book was recently discussed and enjoyed at Book Club. The book portrays survival, drama, romance and mystery.)

The Mountain Between Us by Charles Martin (An airplane crash in a mountain wilderness is a tale of survival. The book became a movie.)

## Lutheran Social Services

LSS will hold their annual dinner event on April 18 in Aberdeen at The Dakota Event Center. This event provides support for the mission of LSS. The Silent Auction begins at 5 pm, Dinner (\$15) and Program begins at 6 pm and the ACT Improv Troup (\$25) at 8 pm. Dinner & Show \$35. Reservations are necessary by April 10 to [Liesl.Hovel@LssSD.org](mailto:Liesl.Hovel@LssSD.org) or 605-26206301.

## LENT 2020

**Worship themes** for Wednesday Lenten services are Prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

**February 26\*:** Ash Wednesday - Forgive as Forgiven

**March 4:** Your Kingdom Come, Will Be Done

**March 11:** Give Us Our Daily Bread

**March 18:** Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed Name

**March 25\*:** Thine is the Glory

**April 1:** Rescue Us From Trial and Evil

**April 5\*:** Palm Sunday, WOW students sing

**April 8\*:** Maundy Thursday, Absolution

**April 9:** Good Friday

**April 11\*:** Easter (worship at 7 am & 9 am.)

\*Holy Communion on these days.

Designated Offerings have been approved for Lent and Easter. Offerings will be distributed to these causes:

Ash Wednesday - Lutheran World Relief

Wednesdays in Lent - ELCA Hunger/Ministerial Assn.

Maundy Thursday - Good Samaritan/Youth Center

Good Friday - Family Crisis Center/Lutherans Outdoors

Easter Sunday - Synod Partners/OSL Operating Fund

If you wish to give to Our Savior's Operating Fund or some other fund instead of these causes, please indicate that on the envelope when you give.

**Wednesday** evening Meals are being served by:

February 26 – O'Donnell and Schultz families

March 4 – National Youth Gathering families

March 11 – Relay for Life Team

March 18 – Wasmoens and friends

March 25 – OSL Church Council

April 1 – Swanson families

## PLEASE HELP!

Communication is a vital part of programs running smoothly. This is true of our church family as well as your own family. We know that many of you have opted to cancel your landline and only use cell phones now. When you do this **DON'T FORGET TO GIVE YOUR CHURCH YOUR NEW NUMBERS.** If you move, give us a change of address or if you will be gone for an extended time and your mail is held let us know. It saves the church money.

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 2 Karlene Stellmacher  
 Garret Swanson  
 3 Wayde White  
 Riley & Jessica Curtis  
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 5 Madden Odland  
 Brenna Hansen  
 6 Dawn & Dustin Schmidt  
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 9 Le Ann Wasmoen  
 10 Rick Avery  
 Drew Masat  
 11 Julie Becker  
 12 Carson Jessen  
 13 Austin Wager  
 14 Tara Hekrdle  
 McKinsie Fuoss  
 Ashley Jessen  
 15 Vic Hochhalter  
 16 Maverick Pochop  
 Melva Olson  
 Anthony & Kayla Swanson  
 17 Sara Weelborg Johnson  
 Colette Taylor  
 Mitch Young

20 Conner Jessen  
 Jayde Englund  
 Anthony Swanson  
 21 Kerry Baird  
 Lance Mason  
 22 Larry Crook  
 Allan & Sandy Lewis  
 23  
 24 Kynlee Kolar  
 Kevin Hansen  
 Erick & Allison Marlow  
 25 Gary Markley  
 Candice Mason  
 26 Claire Marlow  
 27 Bentley Hartman  
 28 Shirley Felchle  
 Dustin Maher  
 Daniel Stroud  
 Cody Doren  
 Jackson Vanorny  
 Karmen Weinzirl  
 29 Donna Crook  
 Cecil Yungwirth  
 30 Randi Jessen

## Memorial Gifts

**Undesignated:** In memory of Arlene Scheele from Alan & Diann Steinheuser, Gordon & Thordys Blume

### Approved Memorial wish list includes:

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

## February 20 Statistics

Marriage: Shelly Boothe & Mitch Young  
 Transfers out: Wallace, Sandy & Jacob Lien  
 There were no baptisms, deaths, or transfers in.

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Please let the office know if there are omissions or errors in the information above so we can correct our records.

# March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Hunter Binger Peyton Hilbrands</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10:30 am – Pastor’s Text Study</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7:30 am – Bible Study 11 am – Food Truck</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Deacons deliver Communion  Cully Jessen Kolby VanDerWerff</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>1 pm – Quilts</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>10:30 am – Pastor’s Text Study</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:30 am – Bible Study 11:45 am – Senior Devotions</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>10:10 am – Choir practice, The Palms 5:30 pm – Church Council Amiya White Nicholas Becker</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7 pm - Joy/Peace Circle</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>10:30 am – Pastor’s Text Study</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>1:30 pm – Love Circle</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>7:30 am – Bible Study Pastor’s Conference</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>10 pm – Ministerial Association</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>10:10 am – Choir practice Cole Schroeder Katelyn Schroeder</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>1:00 pm - Quilts</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>10:30 am – Pastor’s Text Study</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>7:30 am – Bible Study</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>10:10 am – Choir practice 10:15 am – Sacraments Class Mikaela Schmitt Noah Johnson</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>10:30 am – Pastor’s Text Study</p>	<p><b>WOW Schedule</b> 4:40 pm – WOW Classes 5:30-6:20 pm – Supper 6:30 pm – Lent Worship</p>			
<p><b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b> 9:00 am – Worship 10:00 Fellowship Acolytes listed each week. <b>Additions listed weekly</b></p>						

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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-7<sup>th</sup>) – 4:40 pm**  
**WOW Supper – 5:30 pm**  
**WOW Worship – 6:30 pm**  
**FINK – 6:35 pm**

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday: 9 am – 3 pm

Church Office – 472-2640

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Lisa Lewis, Treasurer

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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## **THANK YOU:**

**Members of OSL:** Thank you for your recent gift to Lutherans Outdoors. During 2019 we were able to erase the operating debt built up over the past 4 years. Atlantic Mountain Ranch was sold after years of non-use. I thank you for seeing the great need of this ministry in your congregation and for supporting the ministry with your donation.

Paul J Hanson, Executive Director

**Dear OSL Members-** Thank you so very much for your wonderful donation to the Tri County Good Samaritan Center. We could not believe our January stats. It was busy. We helped 62 families representing 175 individuals. We gave \$7,401.00 worth of groceries to our area needy. We could not do this without you good folks. You are a major part of this home mission. We greatly appreciate all you do for us. May the Lord bless you for your generosity and faithfulness to our communities. Thank you again dear friends. Sincerely,

Penny Ihnen & Sherry Wurtz – Co-Directors

## **CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –**

### **Weekly Offerings - February 2020**

Operating - \$ 9,768.50

Sanctuary Fund - \$ 950.00

World Hunger - \$ 70.00

### **VANCO – January 2020**

Operating - \$ 1,296.78

Disaster Relief - \$ 10.00

Evangelism - \$ 10.00

World Hunger - \$ 10.00

## **FAITHFUL READERS**

The book club will meet again in April in the OSL church library to discuss the book - Beauty and Grace by Christina M. Alt.

The books are available at both the church library (shelf on NW wall labeled Book Club) and at the Redfield City Library.

The new list of books for 2020 is also posted by the books.