

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

“Messenger”

March, 2021

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

Worship Hopes

We share some hopeful news as we prepare the newsletter:

- 1) Ray Dunn has put in many hours trying to figure out what is going on with so many “drops” with our radio broadcast. The pastor doesn't understand much about it, but it seems the Barix box—used to deliver the broadcast to the radio station over internet—needed some readjustment. Hopefully, when you read this, things will sound much clearer.
- 2) The camera has also had a mind of its own and now Ray has that swiveling and zooming properly. Another success.
- 3) We have invited our experienced sound people to return to the booth for Sundays and Lent Wednesdays and we are also hopeful to find some new recruits to train to run both the sound and the video cameras.
- 4) We had about 50 people at Ash Wednesday worship and will continue with in-person worship if people come.
- 5) Vaccinations are progressing (as you know) so the council has agreed that once the pastor (and many others by then) has had his vaccine shots, we can return to more of a normal gathering on Sundays—even with masks encouraged but not required. At least by Easter we should see a more normal Sunday gathering.
- 6) We will also change by then to a more open policy for weddings and funerals in our sanctuary.
- 7) I am not sure we will be ready to have funeral receptions yet by Easter—maybe WELCA and the funeral committee need to make that decision—but we can probably start putting the coffee pot on after worship for those who want to stay and visit.

- 8) In the meantime, the worship committee has decided we should start using our ELW worship books (newly repaired) so we have the notes with the songs and more options for our liturgy.
- 9) Since those at home listening on radio or watching on Facebook may wish to sing along, we will still provide song sheets both with the bulletins we mail to shut-ins and online.

Other Hopeful Signs—yes, we won't get back to normal quickly

- 1) FINKS doing classes online.
- 2) Circles considering returning to monthly meetings—maybe.
- 3) Coffee gatherings in the fellowship hall and walkers stretching their legs in the building.
- 4) Pastor has his second Eastern Star worship this month—March 14.

We hope to have real Holy Week and Easter worship—from “The Palms” to the Cross to the shout of Alleluia.

Committee and Treasurer Positions to Fill

Lisa Lewis has informed the church council that, after 8 years as our treasurer, she is ready to help someone else transition into this position by the end of May. Let us know if you or someone you know may be willing to serve as our treasurer. This position requires paying bills and keeping records as well as preparing monthly reports for the council meetings.

We also need one more person to serve on the nominating committee and one more for the auditing committee.

From the Pastor's Desk

**“Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so”**

I learned this very young—that Jesus loves me—and also that Jesus loves you. Jesus loves the poor, the rich, the sinner, the righteous, his disciples, those with demons or diseases, the criminals hanging with him on their crosses and even those who passed sentence on him and pounded nails into his wrists and ankles.

How? How could Jesus love all this people—even the worst sinners, the lowliest slaves, and those who hated him and worked to silence him? I do not know how. I do not know how a person could hold so much love or share so much love. But I do know that the Body of Christ—the Church (that's us!)—is called to love the world just as God does, as Jesus does.

Is that the Church you know? I hope so. I hope whatever your problems, whatever your sin, whatever clothes you wear or pickup you drive, whatever political party you support, whatever skin color you have, whatever job you do, whatever your greatest pride or greatest shame, whoever you love, whether you are a warrior or a peacenik, whether you have it all together or are falling apart, whether you always succeed or often fail. . .Jesus loves you. **JESUS LOVES YOU AND JESUS' CHURCH LOVES YOU TOO.**

Not everyone believes this. Some think that the Church hates certain people who do not live up to their standards. Some people would much more likely describe Church people as judgmental and intolerant than as a people of love. Unfortunately, some churches certainly give off that impression. But the truth is, that those who judge and those who hate and those who exclude are not acting as Jesus would. If we listen to the story of the Bible and hear the words and watch the actions of Jesus, we will recognize that love. And we have no choice, as Christians, but to love as Jesus teaches us.

Our weekly Lent themes will direct us to discover that greatest love and share it.

Pastor Brian

Church Council Highlights

Church Council Meeting

February 21, 2021

- Call to order – Karmen Weinzirl
- Candle lighting and Devotions
- Welcome new members—Don, Donna and Dana
- Approved the council minutes from January 10, 2021 and reviewed the annual meeting minutes.
- Accepted treasurer's report and approved Resolution for Reimbursement for 2021. Lisa is getting the 2020 PPP loan forgiven then applying for second PPP loan.
- Pastor Brian's report included one baptism; KC blood drive; Zoom meetings continue with Conference Assembly, Spring Rostered Leaders Retreat, Festival of Homiletics and the Synod Assembly.
- Discussion on steps to get back to "normal". Agreed to loosen restrictions once Pastor Brian (and many others) have their two doses of vaccine.
- Wedding guidelines discussed: 50% capacity and masks encouraged.
- Need treasurer to take over for Lisa May 31.
- Looking for people to "attend" both the conference and synod assemblies by zoom.
- The list of 2021 Designated Offerings was approved
- FINK classes have begun online
- Worship Committee continues to monitor the COVID situation and adjust worship accordingly.
- Jessens fixed the heating issue; Don contacted Mark Appel about leaking roof in the southeast entrance and staircase.
- W/ELCA planning a March board meeting
- Doug and Kari Simons transferred to Hope Lutheran Church (LCMC) Huron
- Next meeting is Sunday, March 21 at 7:00 pm

Rural Resiliency:

Caring for You and Yours

4 Week Webinar Series March 2,9,16,23 from 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. (Tuesday nights). This webinar series is a discussion starter and healthy mindset promoter for dealing with rural behavioral and brain health, communication skills, and relationship enrichment for self, marriage and families. Farm families and those who work with them as consultants or neighbors are encouraged to attend. Local churches or ag businesses are encouraged to host a community site, following COVID restrictions, to allow farmers and interested rural associates to come together for group discussion and support. Rev. Dr. Larry Tranel, Pastoral Psychologist and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Dairy Specialist is the featured speaker for:

- March 2—Farm Stress Resiliency and Grief
- March 9—Personality Keys When “Married” to Farm Stress
- March 16—Dealing with the Stresses of Men, Women, and Children
- March 23—Brain and Behavioral Health “Hacks” to Mitigate Distress .

Questions can be directed to: tranel@iastate.edu.

Registration is available at:

<http://www.aep.iastate.edu/stress>.

We will be hosting these weekly webinars in our chapel area.

Fixing the Worship Books

Thanks again to the several volunteers—Verna Ellenson, Carol Lund, LeAnn Wasmoen who have been fixing our ELW Worship Books, after some training from Kelly Kraft.

ZOOM Assemblies this Spring

Most of the meetings and educational events will be online for awhile. The pastor will attend his spring retreat (April 6-8) and a preaching workshop (May 17-21) sitting in his office in front of his computer. The **Northern Plains Conference Assembly** (3:00 March 21) and the **South Dakota Synod Assembly** (June 4-5) will also both be on Zoom so anyone can attend these from your device at home or you can come to the church and watch the screen with others. The council will decide who will attend on behalf of our congregation soon so please let Pastor Brian know if you would like to go.

Endowment Update

The Endowment Fund of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church is held mostly in a perpetual “pooled trust” fund managed by the ELCA Foundation. The 2020 summary is as follows:

The beginning balance on January 1, 2020 was \$173,878.60. Additions were \$5000 given by Inez Booze (*interest to support operating expenses*) and 98 cents interest on the checking account. Monies spent included \$2400 for college scholarships to six individuals, \$500 to ELCA World Hunger, \$500 to Redfield Area Ministerial Association, \$500 to OSL operating fund, \$500 to Lutherans Outdoors, \$400 to the OSL Intern Fund, and \$1000 to the 2022 National Youth Gathering fund. The ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust reinvested \$6,252.85 and the change in market value was \$13,270.85. **The ending balance on December 31, 2019 was \$192,603.28.**

The ELCA Pooled Fund total is \$187,298.93 and the checking account at Great Western Bank balance is \$5,304.35 for a total of \$192,603.28.

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

Special Lenten Services

Wednesday evening Lenten services will begin at 6:30 pm each week.

The Themes for our Wednesday Lenten services this year will be:

February 24 Jesus loves the sinner

March 3: Jesus loves the oppressed & helpless

March 10: Jesus loves the outcast

March 17: Jesus loves those who need healing

March 24: Jesus loves his enemies

April 1: Jesus loves his disciples

April 2: Jesus loves those who kill him

The special Ash Wednesday offering will go to Lutheran World Relief to help throughout the world as needed.

Offerings received at Wednesday Lenten

Services will be divided between ELCA World Hunger and Redfield Area Ministerial Association.

March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2 1 pm – Text Study 7:30 pm – Rural Resilience	3 6:30 pm – Lenten Worship	4 7:30 am – Bible Study 10 am – Dean Call 11 am – Food Truck 3 pm – Pastor’s Book Club	5	6
7 9 am – Worship, Communion	8	9 1 pm – Text Study 7:30 pm – Rural Resilience	10 6:30 pm – Lenten Worship	11 7:30 am – Bible Study 10 am – Dean Call	12	13
14 9 am – Worship 3 pm – Eastern Star Worship	15	16 1 pm Text Study 7:30 pm – Rural Resilience	17 6:30 pm – Lenten Worship	18 7:30 am – Bible Study 10 am – Dean Call	19	20
21 9 am – Worship, Communion 3 pm – Conference Assembly 7 pm – Church Council	22	23 1 pm – Text Study 7:30 pm – Rural Resilience	24 6:30 pm – Lenten Worship	25 7:30 am – Bible Study 10 am – Dean Call	26	27
28 9 am – Worship	29	30 1 pm – Text Study	31 6:30 pm – Lenten Worship			

2021

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 2 Karlene Stellmacher
 Garret Swanson
 3 Wayde White
 Riley & Jessica Curtis
 4
 5 Madden Odland
 Brenna Hansen
 6 Dawn & Dustin Schmidt
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 9 Le Ann Wasmoen
 10 Drew Masat
 11 Julie Becker
 12 Carson Jessen
 13 Austin Wager
 14 Tara Hekrdle
 Ashley Jessen
 15 Vic Hochhalter
 16 Maverick Pochop
 Melva Olson
 Anthony & Kayla Swanson
 17 Colette Taylor
 Mitch Young
 18
 19

20 Conner Jessen
 Jayde Englund
 Anthony Swanson
 21 Kerry Baird
 Lance Mason
 22 Larry Crook
 Allan & Sandy Lewis
 Mitch & Shelly Young
 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
 30 Randi Jessen

Memorial Gifts

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

- ELW hymnals
- Library Fund
- Endowment Fund
- Radio Broadcast Sponsors
- Organ Fund
- Sanctuary Fund
- Technology & Sound Equipment

February 2021 Statistics

Baptism: Karver Gray Swanson,
 Daughter of Anthony & Kayla Swanson
 Baptismal sponsors are Cassie & Otis Roberts
 and Samantha & Cole O'Daniel
 Transfers out: Doug & Kari Simons
 There were no marriages, deaths, or transfers in.

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

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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 pm
FINK – 6:35 pm

Church Office Hours:
Tuesday – Friday: 9 am – 3 pm
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Our Savior's Lutheran Staff
Brian Wasmoen, Pastor
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Lisa Lewis, Treasurer

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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THANK YOU:

Thank you to those who have so faithfully stepped forward this past year to allow our congregation to worship on Sunday mornings thru Facebook, Radio and now in person. Doug & Diane Dangel have changed the paraments, prepared for Communion and all the other behind the scenes things. Dana Lewis and Mallory McMahn have recorded the hymns weekly and Ray Dunn has spent hours working on improving the Radio sound and installing the equipment for Facebook.

Thank you Clayton and Tim Odland and crew for your donation to keep our sidewalks and parking lots cleaned of snow.

Food Truck

The Feeding South Dakota Food Truck is expected at the armory in Redfield again on March 4 at 11:00 am. Line up in your cars to receive food. Invite others you know who need help.

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

Weekly Offerings – February 2021

Operating - \$ 8,691.00
Ash Wednesday - \$ 360.00
Lent - \$ 100.00
Pew Fund - \$ 200.00
World Hunger - \$ 25.00

VANCO – January 2021

Operating - \$ 1,327.40
Sanctuary – \$ 20.00
Disaster Relief - \$ 10.00
Evangelism - \$ 10.00
World Hunger - \$ 10.00

BIBLE CAMP REMINDER

The Lutherans Outdoors Camps – NeSoDak, Klein Ranch, Outlaw Ranch and Joy Ranch – are open for the summer. Register soon to get the Early Bird Discount – go to LoSD.org to learn more and register. There is no brochure this year