

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

"Messenger"

February 2022

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

Lent, Holy Week and Easter

Lent begins on March 2 with Ash Wednesday. The FINKs will assist with these Wednesday Lenten services—some doing skits and reading scriptures and prayers and others ushering, greeting, serving Communion. We move our midweek worship from 6:00 to 6:30 so our youth can get there to help. We hope you will join us. We will have Holy Communion twice during these Wednesday services—on Ash Wednesday and again on March 30—since this is the regular weekly worship that some of us attend.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, April 10—with our WOW kids waving palm branches and singing at worship, with a volunteer choir carrying on the tradition of Wayne Jessen singing "The Palms." Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship will be at 6:30 at Our Savior's. There will also be a Good Friday community service at noon at the Methodist Church (Pastor Brian preaching there too).

Easter Sunday we will have a trumpet sound and our LYO leading worship at 7:00 am, followed by LYO serving breakfast. Then we will gather again at 9:00 in person and on the radio to celebrate the day of Resurrection.

Special Offerings approved include:

Ash Wednesday: Lutheran World Relief

Lent Wednesdays: ELCA World Hunger & Ministerial Association

Maundy Thursday: Good Samaritan Center & Youth Center

Good Friday: Family Crisis Center & Bible Camps

Easter: Woyatan and Pine Ridge & OSL operational Expenses

Any of these days you can direct your offerings to Our Savior's but loose offerings and designated offerings go to these special ministries we support.

"Church Basement Ladies" is on the road in the Midwest. Some of you have seen these actors perform one or more of these plays (or remember when RAAC presented their Christmas play at the UCC Church in 2019). Kari Schultz is checking on the schedule of these performances to see if we can sponsor a bus trip to see one of these performances. She will let us know if this is possible.

Anniversary Items: In 2005, our Savior's Lutheran Church celebrated 100 years and the predecessor churches that joined it. Over 16 years later we still have items from that anniversary in storage—cups, plates, throws, cookbooks and banners. We have tried to sell them or give them away but still have quite a stockpile. We probably can continue to sell/give the cookbooks and may continue to use the cups, but it is probably time to dispose of the other items. We really don't want to throw much in the dumpster so if you have a use for the leftover items, please let us know. The council and others have already begun to think and act on finding homes for these items, but you may have an idea we haven't thought of.

Worship Assistants: We are grateful for the worship committee and the accompanists, soloists and others who helped us through the worst of the pandemic. And we are delighted to now be back to much more normal Sundays—with weekly Holy Communion, Coffee Fellowship, Acolytes, Lectors and Ushers passing the offering plates. With this return to "normal," we need volunteers to help in whatever ways you can. Sign up to help with these weekly tasks. And if you are tech-oriented, talk with Pastor Brian, Diane Dangel or Ray Dunn to be trained to help run our sound and radio or our Facebook Live computer. Please help as you are able or are willing to be trained.

From the Pastor's Desk

This is God's Church, This is Our Church

During Lent we will focus our attention Sundays on the journey of Jesus to the Cross, beginning with Satan tempting Jesus in the wilderness (Luke 4) and ending with Satan entering Judas (Luke 22:3) who betrays Jesus to those who will kill him.

During Lent we will focus our attention Wednesdays on God in God's three faces and many roles—Creator, Provider, Preserver, Savior, Redeemer, Lord and Holy Spirit. Our young people will participate and lead these Lent services Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

Since Covid-19 appeared in our world, I have seen and felt much anxiety in my life and in the Church. I have heard it from you, from other pastors, and the other day from a member of a different church in Redfield.

Compound the deaths of over 900,000 Americans, the divisions over politics and vaccines, the stories of those with "long Covid" who never seem to get better, and now add to this a war that could lead to nuclear threats (something we haven't had to think about for many years). Normally such anxiety pushes us together, helps us appreciate community, and brings us to God for answers and comfort. But, of course, togetherness is how we spread this pandemic, so still we dare not gather as we normally would.

Some have suggested that our response to this anxiety will damage the church permanently—and I suppose it could—or maybe we can trust God is still here and still leading us in these unusual times. I would like to believe that is so, and I hope you will believe it too. This is, after all, God's Church and God will not abandon us. God proved that to Abraham with his promises, to Israel in their deliverance, to Job who survives great suffering, to the disciples who are not orphaned but receive the Spirit and power, to the Gentiles who are included in the family, to the troubled churches addressed in the Revelation of John who are to trust that God will rescue us even if the world should end. We will not be abandoned.

But will we abandon God? This is God's Church, and it is Our Church too. The Body of Christ (Paul's metaphor for a living Church) needs all its parts to function properly—and we are the parts. By faith we are connected and by our witness and service we do the work of Christ in the world. So we need you—all of us—to remain

faithful to God, to support the work, to give our money, to lend our talents, to offer our time, to face the challenges of today and to trust the hopes for tomorrow.
Pastor Brian

Church Council Highlights

February 27, 2022

- Call to order – President Randy Maddox
- Devotions/Prayer
- Approved Council Minutes and Accepted Treasurer's Report
- Passed resolutions affirming pastor's compensation budget
- Pastor's Report included two baptisms, one death, installation of leaders, mission speaker Pastor Jonathan Steiner and Endowment Event with Kathy McHenry. Pastor will be gone both for meetings and vacations after Easter through mid-June.
- Monthly Council Meetings are set for the third Sunday at 7 pm.
- Synod Assembly is June 3 & 4; need three voting members
- Mission Challenge: what does it mean to partner with Woyatan and Pine Ridge ministries?
- OSL anniversary souvenirs – give away or dispose
- Lent suppers – need volunteers
- Approved August 27 wedding for Dave Taylor and Kari Peterman
- Endowment Committee set amounts to for scholarships and mission grants
- Bethesda annual meeting will be on Zoom in May
- Diane Dangel's term on Bethesda board is up so seeking OSL person
- Sanctuary furniture at prison
- Completing the W/ELCA work group booklet
- Approved schedule of special offerings
- FINK and LYO help with Lenten services and Easter breakfast
- WOW kids sing on Palm Sunday; last classes on May 11
- Choir will sing "The Palms" then sing again for Baccalaureate on May 15.
- Next meeting March 20, 2022 at 7 pm

Children's Ministries

WOW has been going strong and will continue to do so throughout March with five weeks of WOW.

In February, we talked about the Woman at the Well and how Jesus knows all of us, A Storm and trusting Jesus, and Jesus Blessing the Children where we were reminded that we are all important to God.

Kids will sing again in worship on Palm SUNDAY, April 10th. We do have weeks where teachers need to be gone so if you can fill in, even just once, please let Melissa Zastrow or any of the WOW teachers/volunteers know.

As always, a big thank you to all who support this ministry by volunteering, praying for, and financially supporting us!!

Melissa Zastrow

Youth Ministries

FINKS are busy gearing up for Lent! They will be helping with Lenten services and serving breakfast on Easter Sunday. They are also busy completing their requirements for confirmation. This includes becoming active members of our congregation by lecturing, setting up and serving communion, greeting/ushering, preparing and serving the Wednesday meal, and many other things.

LYO met in late February and played board games. We will not meet in March and will meet twice in April - once to finalize plans for Easter breakfast and once to spend time together as young people of the congregation. Dana Lewis

Youth Gathering 2022: We were disappointed to hear that the National Youth Gathering is cancelled but immediately the Synod leaders and youth organizers began to explore what we could offer youth in its place. Our Synod has decided to host a Synod Youth Gathering this summer. We don't have dates or details yet, but we will share them when we receive them. So keep your eyes and ears open for that announcement.

Lenten Meals: Wednesday meals throughout the year are served by our WOW volunteers but during Lent we ask others—individuals, families, groups—to provide a meal for those coming to Lenten worship (serving 5:30-6:15 pm). We have three meals covered but need people to provide a meal on March 16, 23, and 30. Please contact the office if you will do so.

Vacations and Absences for Pastor

As some of you have heard, we decided that once the pandemic let us (and we hope it will), the Wasmoens would do some serious vacationing. Our first trip will be a cruise with our grown kids. Soon after we return from that, LeAnn and I will board a plane and fly to Holland to see Marlie (our exchange student 10 years ago) and Rudy and meet their two children (our exchange grandchildren?). We thought that would be the end of our vacation but then we learned that the church I served in Streeter (1985-1995) is closing (June 5) and the Medina church I served at the same time is celebrating their 100th anniversary (June 12). So we hope to be with them to remember and celebrate and mourn.

Besides vacation, Pastor Brian will also be gone for the annual spring conference in Deadwood April 19-21 and the Synod Assembly June 3-4. The worship committee is looking for others to lead worship and share the message for the Sundays I am gone, but there will be Wednesdays when we may not have worship—April 20, May 4 and 18. I will be here for the final WOW worship (May 11) and for our Baccalaureate Sunday (May 15) though LeAnn and I will hurry out that day to catch the plane in Aberdeen.

Synod Assembly: Our synod will assemble at our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls June 3-4 and we are encouraged to send three lay voting members plus our pastor to this event. Mary O'Donnell, who will be a voting member at the Churchwide Assembly in August will be one of these lay voting members. We need two more—if you want more information or are interested in attending, contact Pastor Brian or a council member. We will decide who will go the Assembly at our March 20 meeting. Those who attend the Assembly must be vaccinated or tested and will be required to mask if OSL Church still has that requirement at that time.

March

<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 Additions listed weekly		1 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	2 6:30 pm – Ash Wednesday Worship	3 7:30 am – Bible Study 10 am – Dean Call 11 am – Food Truck	4	5
6 10:15 am – WELCA Board 3 pm – Eastern Star Communion	7	8 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	9 2 pm – Lakeside Devotions 6:30 pm – Lenten Worship	10 7:30 am – Bible Study 11:45 am – Senior Devotions	11	12
13	14	15 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	16 1:30 pm – Love Circle 6:30 pm – Lenten Worship	17 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Pastor’s Conference 10 am – Dean Call	18 12 pm - RAMA	19
20 Deacons Deliver Communion 7 pm – Church Council	21	22 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	23 6:30 pm – Lenten Worship	24 7:30 am – Bible Study	25	26
27	28	29 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	30 2 pm Lakeside Devotions 6:30 pm – Lenten Worship	31		
			Wednesday Schedule Additions Listed Weekly 4:40 pm – WOW Classes 5:30 pm – Supper 6:30 pm - Worship			

2022

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 2 Karlene Stellmacher
 Garret Swanson
 3 Wayde White
 Riley & Jessica Curtis
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 5 Madden Odland
 Brenna Hansen
 Peyton Marlow
 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
 Anthony & Kayla Swanson
 17 Colette Taylor
 Mitch Young
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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

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

Memorial Gifts

Kitchen:

In memory of Gordon & Helen Hansen and Cindy Fischer from Candy & Jim Weller

Sanctuary:

In memory of Ken Forgey from Henry & Diane Dunkel

In memory of Craig Jessen from Gordon & Thordys Blume

Undesignated:

In memory of Craig Jessen from Sandra Blume

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

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

February 2022 Statistics

Baptism: Casey Ann Lewis
 There were no marriages, deaths, transfers out or transfers in.

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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-6th) – 4:40 pm

WOW Supper – 5:30 pm

WOW Worship – 6:30 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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Dana Lewis, Treasurer

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

Hello Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Seeing your gift brightened my day. I am so grateful to
you for your contribution to the area of greatest need.
Thanks to your gift, we are able to provide immediate
support to individuals, families, and communities across
South Dakota. Without a doubt, you have changed the
shape and course of the lives of folks in need, which is
the greatest gift of all. Paige Short, Lutheran Social
Services of S D

**Thanks to Gene Stellmacher, Henry & Diane Dunkel,
Pam Schmidt, Dustin Schmidt for delivering meals
for the Senior Center in February.**

Dear OSL Friends you do such an amazing job
collecting food items for the Tri Co Good Samaritan
Center. Your support to this home mission is such a
blessing to our area needy. May the Lord bless you for
your generosity and faithfulness to our communities.
Thank you again. Sincerely, Penny Ihnen Brown and
Sherry Wurtz, Co-Directors.

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

Weekly Offerings – February 2022

Operating - \$ 11,412.00

Harvestfest - \$ 400.00

Sanctuary - \$ 50.00

World Hunger - \$ 25.00

VANCO – January 2022

Operating - \$ 1,207.40

Disaster Relief - \$ 10.00

Evangelism - \$ 10.00

Sanctuary - \$ 20.00

World Hunger - \$ 10.00

FAITHFUL READERS

The book club will meet April 21 to discuss
the book The Orphan Collector by Ellan Marie
Wiseman. The book for June is The Wedding Dress
by Rachel Hauck. The book club meets every other
month in the OSL church library at 2 pm. The
books are available in the church library.

Thrivent Dollars:

At the annual meeting, some who hold Thrivent insurance or investments reminded us that members can direct "Choice Dollars" each year to Our Savior's Church or other causes they support. They also reminded us that each Thrivent member can apply for \$250 action grants that can be used to enhance our ministries and help our communities. If you are a Thrivent Member and want help doing these things, contact the pastor or church office and we will find someone to help you. That will help us and the work we do together.