

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

“Messenger”

March 2024

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The month of March is a busy month on the church calendar this year. Easter will be celebrated on the last day of March.

We have special Lenten services each Wednesday at 6:30 pm (*note time change*). On March 13 we will celebrate Communion that evening.

Palm Sunday is March 24 and marks the beginning of Holy Week. The WOW students will share special music and Communion will be shared.

There will be no WOW or supper on the 27th. That evening the LYO (*high school students*) and the Confirmation students plan to visit the funeral home. They will be touring and learning about the ‘behind the scenes’ steps planning for a funeral.

Thursday at 6:30 pm will have Maundy Thursday worship with Communion.

On Friday, March 29, the Ministerial Association will sponsor a Community Good Friday worship at 12:05 pm at the First Congregational Church. The speaker will be Pastor Joy.

On Easter Sunday the confirmation class will be leading the Sunrise worship service at 7:00 am. LYO will serve breakfast from 8:00 am - +9:00 am. At 9:00 am we will hold a celebration worship. Both of these services will have special music and Holy Communion will be shared.

Join us as we journey thru the somber days of Lent leading up to the suffering and Crucifixion of Jesus and finally celebrate his Resurrection to redeem all Christian believers.

HELP NEEDED

We still need people to help with the sound system on Sunday mornings. If you like to work with technology this is your chance to fill a need in your church. Talk to Ray Dunn if you have questions about helping. You will not be scheduled every Sunday.

With warmer weather coming we will also need volunteers to help with Spring clean-up. So watch for a date & time to help. Check the Facebook page for information.

From the Pastor's Desk

Right before I moved to South Dakota, a colleague in Eugene retired. At his last text study with colleagues, he offered a selection of his books he felt he no longer needed. One of the books I happily snagged was a copy of *Manual On the Liturgy - Lutheran Book of Worship* (basically a pastor's guide to leading worship using the LBW aka the green book) (Did you know that *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the ELW, is supposed to be referred to as the cranberry book to distinguish it from the older red book?) LBW was published in 1979, which means it is now firmly in its middle age as it is forty-five years old. I have looked at it occasionally during the church year and have found it fascinating reading. (Yes, I know I have a church nerd's definition of "fascinating.")

Recently I went to look at the section for Palm Sunday, only to discover that the book acknowledges no such day, rather it talks about "The Sunday of the Passion," and one section of that about "The Sunday of the Passion: Procession with Palms" This came as a surprise to me because, like many of you, what I remember is Palm Sunday. Some may remember community worship services with a live donkey and a procession. Some may remember shouting "Hosanna!" I remember using a narrow palm leaf (in the years when we got the narrow ones as opposed to the extra leafy ones) and dueling my sister with it while we made whooshing light saber noises or shouted "En garde!" I've also heard a few pastors (my age even) grumble that the Sunday of the Passion is a newfangled thing invented because pastors no longer trust church members to come to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services and hear the story of the crucifixion. But apparently for the entire time I've been alive, it has officially been the Sunday of the Passion.

Now because I am, as I mentioned before, a church nerd, I turned to my books on the liturgical year. According to them, Palm Sunday is an ancient tradition, celebrated since the earliest days of the church in the city of Jerusalem. The Sunday of the Passion on the other hand, is an ancient tradition, celebrated since the earliest days of the church in the city of Rome. Doesn't that just clear the whole Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday argument right up?

The truth is that there are many ways to worship God (from thirty minutes services to three day revivals), to organize the church calendar (from Palm/Passion Sunday to Christmas on December 25th or January 7th (the Eastern Orthodox tradition)), and to live out your faith (witness, service, behind the scenes support, etc.). There are almost as many varieties as there are people. Just like some people are skilled athletes, some are slow and thoughtful, some are gifted academics, some are quick and organized, some are cheerful and giving, some are practical and helpful, and most are a combination of many of those traits and more besides, there are a lot of ways to be a Christian and to be church.

But more important than any of those differences are what we have in common as Christians. Be it Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday, what matters is what it points us to, the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. Our ways of serving can be different, our services can be different, our languages can be different, but our focus on Christ binds us together. Truly there are many sheepfolds, but only one shepherd. Whether you resonate with the waving of palm branches or the shouting of "Crucify him!", may you sense the Spirit of God at work in the world as we once more tell the old, old story.

Children's Ministries

WOW is finishing up our unit on the Armor of God. We did a lesson on Ash Wednesday on February 14. The kids were very curious and asked lots of questions. Keep those conversations going at home!

There is no WOW on March 27 because this is Holy Week and we worship on Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm that week. We will resume WOW classes on April 3 following the Easter break.

WOW Kids will share special music during the 9 am worship on Palm Sunday, March 24.

Lutheran Youth Organization

The confirmation class trip to the funeral home was postponed once again due to a death. Both the confirmation class and the high school LYO will be touring the funeral home on March 27.

Radio & Bulletin

Each week we have opportunities to sponsor the Radio Broadcast and/or the bulletins. These can be in memory of someone, to celebrate a milestone in someone's life or just to say thank you for the radio broadcast or Facebook. The open dates for a couple months are in the weekly bulletin which can be found on the churches website: www.oslredfield.com. Call the office at 605 472-2640 to reserve your special Sunday. The cost is \$ 75.00 for the broadcast and \$ 25.00 for the bulletins.

Daylight savings time begins on March 10. So don't forget to you're your clocks JUMP AHEAD.

WELCA Spring Gathering

The Northern Plains

Conference will be holding the Spring Gathering here in Redfield at Our Saviors on Saturday, April 13, 2024. The event will begin at 10 am and we will close out the Gathering at 2 pm that afternoon. Join us for a fun day of fellowship, music, lunch and worship. Tickets will be available up to the 6th of April, please watch for additional information in the weekly bulletins.

If you have any questions, contact the church office 605-472-2640 or call Kari Schultz 605-450-0086.

Church Council Summary

The Church Council met on February 18 following worship and council installation. President Melissa Zastrow called the meeting to order followed by a devotion shared by Pastor Joy.

Diane Dangel was appointed council secretary and Dana Lewis was appointed church treasurer. Minutes from the January meeting were approved and January's financial reports were accepted.

The National Youth Gathering checking account was closed out. Money was reimbursed to the Endowment Fund and the balance went to the general fund.

OSL high school seniors will be honored on May 5 during worship.

The Rite of Confirmation date is October 27, 2024.

Committee reports were shared.

The meeting was adjourned, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is Sunday March 17 at 10:15 am.

Diane Dangel, Council Secretary

If you would like to share an Easter Lily or other blooming plant for Easter Sunday let the office know by Wednesday, March 27, and have it at the church Saturday morning, March 30.

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 am – Worship 10 am – Fellowship Additions listed weekly			Wednesday Schedule 4:40 pm – WOW Classes 5:30 pm – Supper 6:30 pm – Lenten Worship		1	2
3 Holy Communion	4 OSL deliver meals	5 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	6	7 7:30 am–Bible Study 11 am – Food Truck	8	9
10	11	12 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	13 Holy Communion at Worship	14 7:30 am – Bible Study 1:30 – Love Circle, Lakeside	15 11:30 am- RAMA	16
17 Deacons deliver Communion 10:15 am – Church Council	18	19 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	20	21 7:30 am – Bible Study	22	23
24 Palm Sunday – Holy Communion	25	26	27 No WOW, Supper, or Worship service	28 7:30 am – Bible Study 6:30 pm – Maundy Thursday Service Holy Communion	29 12:05 pm – Community Good Friday service at U C C	30
31 Holy Communion 7 am – Sonrise Service 9 am – Celebration Service						

2024

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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 Croeni
 Kendra Dawson
 15 Vic Hochhalter
 16 Maverick Pochop
 Anthony & Kayla Swanson
 17 Colette Taylor
 Mitch Young
 18
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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
 Erick & Allison Marlow
 25 Gary Markley
 Candice Mason
 26 Claire Marlow
 27 Bentley Hartman
 28 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

Undesignated:

In memory of Mary Lee from Alan & Diann Steinheuser

In memory of Ruth Swanson from her family

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

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

February 2024 Statistics

There were no baptisms, 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.

Also on Facebook

Wednesday

WOW Kid's Classes (4 yr-6th) – 4:40 pm

WOW Supper – 5:30 pm

Lent Worship – 6:30 pm

Confirmation – 6:35 pm

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday: 9 am – 3 pm

Church Office – 472-2640

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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 donation of soup, cereal, and mac & cheese along with the other grocery items. You good folks have helped to restock our shelves! We greatly appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness in remembering this home mission. You have touched so many lives with your generosity and faithfulness to our communities. Thank you again dear friends.

Sincerely,

Peny Ihnen & Sherry Wurtz, Co-Directors

Thank you to everyone that brought soup for the "Souper Bowl of Caring." The cart was full. In fact we had to remove the other grocery items and some of the soup to make room for everything that came on Sunday. As you can see from the thank you above, it is greatly appreciated.

Continue to bring items for the cart. Thank you to Henry & Diane Dunkel for faithfully delivering the items as the cart gets full.

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

Weekly Offerings – February 2024

Operating - \$ 9,784.50

Ash Wednesday - \$ 364.85

Lent - \$ 47.00

World Hunger - \$ 2,014.05

VANCO – January 2024

Operating - \$

Sanctuary - \$ 20.00

FAITHFUL READERS

The book club will meet in the OSL church library at 2 pm on April 18 to discuss Book of Last Names by Kristen Harmel. The book for June is Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano.

The new reading list for 2024 is on the west shelf in the Library. Pick up the list, read the book. and join us for discussion and fellowship. The books are also available at the Redfield City Library.