

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

"Messenger"

March 2025

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

LENTEN SUPPERS

As we near our Lenten season, we are still looking for people to participate in our Wednesday night suppers. Ruth Swanson's family will be serving on April 2 and Thordys will cook on April 9. Dana Lewis will cook the rest of the weeks. If you would like to provide dessert (her greatest need), ingredients, help prepare, or help serve, please let her know or sign the chart by the sound booth. We will plan for 100-125 people each week. Check the Facebook page for any ingredients that are needed. You can also start baking and put cookies or bars in the freezer here at the church. Just mark the container "Lenten Desserts".

Lenten Worship

Lent begins on March 3. Our worship will be at 6:30 pm during Lent to allow our young people time to be ready after school activities. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 6:15 pm each evening. *See article above.* The confirmation students will help with the service beginning on March 10th.

LOOKING FORWARD

The special Ash Wednesday offering will go to Lutheran World Relief. Lenten offerings will go to World Hunger and the Ministerial Association. All special Lent worship services will begin at 6:30 pm. The Confirmation students will be helping with the services beginning on March 10.

There will be choir practice on March 16 & 23 to practice "The Palms" which will be sung on Palm Sunday, April 13. The WOW children will also sing that Sunday.

Wednesday, April 16, there will be no WOW classes, no supper and no worship.

During Holy Week we will have worship on Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm and on Friday Our Savior's will host the Community Good Friday Service at 12:05 pm.

Easter Sunday we will have Sunrise worship at 7 am and a celebration service at 9 am.

In May we will honor our high school graduates on May 11, which is also Mother's Day.

From the Pastor's Desk

Lent is our season of repentance. It is our time to look at how we have turned away from God and to turn ourselves back toward God. But how do we do that? Is it a matter of confessing our sinfulness more frequently or more loudly? Is it a matter of beating ourselves up, a matter of being gloomy? What does it mean to repent?

When a little kid does something wrong, it's not unusual for the kids' parents to make them say sorry to the offended party. I'm guessing we've all heard some very unconvincing "sorry's" from four year olds, the kind that say "I'm not really sorry and I'd do it again in a heartbeat, but mom's being mean and making me apologize." Though I admit I'll take that sorry over an adult "sorry" with an eye roll any day. Just because a person says "sorry" doesn't mean that they are. It's like when someone famous says something really stupid in public and later their PR team comes out with an apology that says "I'm sorry if anyone was offended." Because hey, if you weren't offended by it, they're totally not sorry about it. That's why it's so offensive when paired with an earnest statement about how much they've learned from the whole thing. They clearly haven't learned anything, not even why what they said was inappropriate, whether or not their audience was offended. As far as repentance goes, saying sorry isn't all there is to it.

Even swearing that you'll never do it again isn't exactly a sure sign of real repentance. Ever heard a politician? I think we all know of some politicians who would say anything to get elected and sometimes what they promise when they're running for office contradicts everything they promised when they were last running for office. You want to trust that their new stance is their true stance? How many people in prison aren't willing to say that they've changed if those words will get them out? How many abusers, particularly in things like domestic violence, will promise their victim that they've changed, it'll all be

different now? And how many of them really have changed? Sometimes people do change, after all it is possible for people to change. But it is also a lot of really, really hard work. It's much easier to make a promise and get things back to the way you want them to be.

So how do you know if someone has truly repented? When they change their actions. The first time that they get mad and their hands form fists, but their fists stay by their sides. The ninety-ninth time they get mad, and they simply go for a walk to cool down. It's when the behavior pattern changes, that you know there's been a real, genuine shift. Not simply the quick shift of a honeymoon period before they go back to their old ways, repeating the pattern over and over. But when they do the hard work of keeping it changed.

To be clear, repentance doesn't always mean total success to be sincere. For many people, it's a long process, two steps forward, one step back. It's hard for people to quit addictive substances. Frequently they don't succeed the first time or rather they only succeed for a very short period of time. It's when they keep trying that sometimes they get the hang of it. Changing old habits is very much the same way. It's so ingrained; it's easy to slip back into. But repentance means doing the work required to change. Repentance is sorrow put into action.

Almost every week in church, we say that we repent of our sins and we ask not to be led into temptation, but what do we do about it? When we go home, what do we work on? What changes do we commit to? Do we simply say sorry? Do we promise to do better next time, but make no changes? Or do we commit our words to action, not always succeeding, but always striving?

Pastor Joy

Children's Ministries

Thank you to the WOW kids for blessing us with your musical talents at worship on Wednesday, 2/19. We will have a short break from WOW on Wednesday 2/26. Resuming classes on 3/5, which happens to be Ash Wednesday.

We plan to finish the 10 Commandments through the month of March and prepare for the Holy Week in April.

Dates to Note:

April 13th WOW kids sing at the Palm Sunday service

April 16th - no WOW

April 30th - Last WOW classes

Morgan Piehl, Children's Ministries

Youth Ministries

9-12 LYO Youth: Next meeting date is Wednesday, March, 19th @ 6:35p.m., please meet in the fellowship hall. LYO and confirmation kids in 7th and 8th grade will be assisting with Lenten services, taking part in skits and helping lead kid time. Anyone who would like to help, please reach out to Amanda Evans. We would love to see some of our older youth.

Faithful Readers

The new list of books for 2025 is available in the library. Both the list and the books are on the shelf on the west wall. It is well marked. You are welcome to pick up a copy of the list. When you take a book to read be sure to fill out the card and put it in the box. Then we always know where the books are.

Worship Committee

We have enjoyed the use of Victory Feast during Sunday worship as we prepare ourselves for the Lenten Season.

The graduating high school seniors from Our Saviors will be honored during worship on Sunday, May 11, in conjunction with Mothers Day.

There is always a need for team members, team-mates, workers and leaders at OSL. Find what you are comfortable doing and be a servant. **We are all servants who sometimes serve and other times are served.**

Diane Dangel, Chairperson

COUNCIL SUMMARY

OSL Church Council met on Sunday, February 16, 2025 following worship. The agenda was presented, minutes from January were approved and the January financial reports accepted. The minutes from the annual meeting were reviewed.

President Joseph welcomed Morgan Piehl, newly elected to Children's Ministries. President Joseph appointed Kathy Olsen to a second three year term as chairman of the Financial and Spiritual Gifts Committee, Diane Dangel to continue as church council secretary, and Dana Lewis as the church treasurer. Remaining council member vacancy is the vice president position.

Committee reports were given. OSL will renew its membership in the Redfield Area Chamber of Commerce. The ELCA Annual Report paperwork was received and will be completed and submitted to the Synod Office.

Eliminating Midco phone issues ongoing.

Next meeting is February 16, 2025 at 10:15 am. Diane Dangel, Council Sec.

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, Communion 10:00 Fellowship Additions listed weekly			Wednesday Schedule 4:40 pm – WOW Classes 5:30 pm - Supper 6:00 pm - Worship 6:35 pm – Confirmation Changes listed weekly			1
2	3	4 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	5 Ash Wednesday 6:30 pm - Worship	6 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time Food Truck	7	8
9 2 am – Daylight Savings Time Begins – spring forward 1 hour.	10	11 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	12	13 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time 1:30 pm – Love Circle, Lakeside	14	15
16 Deacons deliver home Communion 10:15 am – Church Council	17	18 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	19	20 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time	21 11:30 am - RAMA	22
23	24	25 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	26 No WOW Class or supper 6 pm – Worship 6:30 pm - Confirmation	27 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time	28	29
30	31					

2025

MARCH

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2	Karlene Stellmacher Garret Swanson	20 Conner Jessen Jayde Englund Anthony Swanson
3	Wayde White Riley & Jessica Curtis	21 Kerry Baird Lance Mason
4		22 Larry Crook Allan & Sandy Lewis
5	Madden Odland Brenna Hansen Peyton Marlow	23
6	Dawn & Dustin Schmidt	24 Kynlee Kolar Erick & Allison Marlow
7		
8		25 Gary Markley Candice Mason
9	Le Ann Wasmoen	26 Claire Marlow
10	Drew Masat	27 Bentley Hartman
11	Julie Becker	28 Dustin Maher Daniel Stroud Cody Doren Jackson Vanorny Karmen Weinzirl
12	Carson Jessen	
13	Austin Wager	29 Donna Crook
14	Tara Hekrdle Ashley Croeni Kendra Dawson	30 Randi Jessen
15	Vic Hochhalter	
16	Maverick Pochop Anthony & Kayla Swanson	
17	Colette Taylor	
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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.

Memorial Gifts

Radio:

In memory of Fern Schmidt from Eileen Crawford

Sanctuary:

In memory of Fern Schmidt from Alan & Diane Steinheuser

Undesignated:

In memory of Fern Schmidt from Kieth & Linda Schroeder, Gordon & Thordys Blume, Clark & Rosa Davis. Gene & Karleen Stellmacher

In memory of Mary Wolf from Gordon & Thordys Blume

In memory of Mary Jakeway from Gordon & Thordys Blume

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

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

February 2025 Statistics

Death: Fern Vida Schmidt
There were no baptisms, marriages,
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 Classes – 4:40 pm
Supper – 5:30 pm
WOW Worship – 6:00 pm
6:35 pm – Confirmation Class

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 to those that delivered meals for
the Senior Center in February, Henry &
Diane Dunkel, Gene Stellmacher and
Amanda & Katryn Evans. This service is a
vital mission in our community which
enables many people to continue living on
their own.

OSL Funeral Committee

**We so appreciate all of you for the
delicious food and tie spent serving at
Mom's funeral.**

**The family of Fern Schmidt: Perry, Kaye
& Marla**

**REMEMBER THE GROCERY CART IN
THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. FILL
IT UP AND SUPPORT THOSE LESS
FORTUNATE.**

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

Weekly Offerings – February 2025

Operating - \$ 7,490.00
Noisy bucket - \$ 171.10

VANCO – January 2025

Operating - \$ 1,3111.10
Sanctuary - \$ 20.00

FAITHFUL READERS

The book club will meet in the OSL
church library at 2 pm on April 17, to discuss
The Women by Kristin Hannah. We welcome
you to join us for discussion and fellowship.
There will be a new list of books to read in
2025.