

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

***"Messenger"***

**March 2026**

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

## **WORLD HUNGER**

Right now, you have a neighbor who doesn't know where their next meal will come from. You might not know them — perhaps they live next door or a few roads over. This is the situation for at least 1 in 7 of our neighbors here in the United States. And now food insecurity is rising because of inflation, job loss and reduced government benefits. With a single gift to ELCA World Hunger, you can be present in neighborhoods across the country, providing the daily bread your neighbors need.

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support neighbors in need through ELCA World Hunger Daily Bread grants. These \$500 grants go to congregations across the country that serve their closest neighbors through feeding ministries, such as stocking food pantries, serving warm meals and filling grocery bags with nutritious staples. Daily Bread grants make it possible for ELCA World Hunger to respond quickly with resources for feeding ministries serving their communities. But right now, the need is still greater than our resources. In 2025, ELCA World Hunger received nearly 1,000 applications for Daily Bread grants, which is more than 15 times the number of applications received in 2024. Can we count on you to help stock the shelves of feeding ministries in communities such as yours?

## **Upcoming Events**

**Lenten** Services continue each Wednesday evening thru March 25. Supper is served from 5:45 pm by a WOW class & parents. No WOW classes on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. **March 29** is Palm Sunday. WOW Kids sing.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:30 pm.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>** is Good Friday. Community worship is at the Baptist Church on 7<sup>th</sup> avenue at 12:05 pm, area pastor's participating.

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** is Easter Sunday. Youth will lead the "Sonrise" service at 7 AM. Breakfast will be served starting at 8 AM and the Celebration service will be at 9 AM. Both worship services will have special music and Holy Communion.

Hopefully the new carpet will arrive by the late March so installation can be started following Easter. This will depend on everything coming together with the company and the weather for delivery and the installation crew. Watch the bulletin and the Facebook page for updates.

## From the Pastor's Desk

"To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace." - Romans 8:6

One can rely on one's body to work until, well, the day that it doesn't. One day a person wakes up finding it hard to move because they slept wrong. One day one finds one can't lift something that was previously easy. One day your legs just won't cooperate. It happens to different people at different times in different way, but everyone has a time when they have to realize that some things that used to be relied upon no longer can be relied upon.

That's how I tend to think about setting one's mind on the flesh, not that Paul is being such a literalist. But it's that reliance on one's self, one's ability to trust one's own resources and therefore having to look no further than what one's self. And it does limit our view if our own resources is as far as we think and set our mind. We are limited and our resources are limited and sooner or later everyone bumps up against their limits. There are some things that even vast sums of money, great power, cunning intellect, and immense strength cannot buy one. When we rely strictly on what we have we will sooner or later run short.

What we possess is finite, but God is not. God is beyond all, even death. If we rely upon what we have, it will all eventually crumble. God does not crumble. God stands strong and holds us long after our own capacity is spent. Let us not focus so much on what we have or on what we no longer

have that they hold us captive. Let us remember that which is beyond ourselves, focusing not just the fleshly here and now, but on the eternal Spirit. God says that, yes, even our bodies of flesh have a place. They are not without worth, but they are limited, and need the Spirit of resurrection. Let us rejoice in that we can rely upon which is beyond our own resources and which sustains us past our limits.

Pastor Joy

## BITS AND PIECES

**Check** out the large bulletin board that is standing in the back of the sanctuary. Several leaders have put a lot of information there. Be sure to take a few minutes to read it. There are many empty envelopes to use to make a donation to the carpet replacement.

**Another** upgrade in the plan is to improve the quality of the sound in the sanctuary. Checking out several new pieces and upgrades to the technology.

**Two people** have agreed to fill a couple spots on the Church Council. Allison Marlow has agreed to fill the opening for Welcome and Outreach. Sue Christensen has agreed to take the remaining two years on the Spiritual/Financial Gifts. We welcome them to our leadership team. Clark Davis agreed to another 6 year term on the Farm Committee. We still need a vice chairperson and a member of the Memorial Committee. Is God calling you to serve or if you know a person that would be a good fit for either of these two positions, let one of the current council persons know.

# Children's Ministries

February brought the start of the Lenten season. With that our WOW classes have been preparing Lenten suppers. With the six weeks of Lenten services each class will prepare and donate a meal to fundraiser for a local organization. Our Lenten meals will start at 5:45 PM each Wednesday, with the church service following at 6:30 PM.

In March WOW classes will continue to learn about Jesus's life and resurrection. Our WOW students are also learning new songs for the Palm Sunday performance, which is on March 29th.

Special dates:

WOW resuming on 3/4

WOW sings Palm Sunday, 3/29

No WOW 4/1

Last WOW class 4/22

Morgan Piehl

## YOUTH

### Welcome to March!!

The 7th and 8th grade confirmation youth have been helping pastor with the Lenten services. This will continue to take place until the end of March. Another part of their service has been serving and cleaning up after the Lenten meal. Their last big task for the year will be to practice for the Easter Sunrise Service.

We are having the LYO 7-12 youth take part in helping us get the church spruced up before the new carpet is installed. Exciting things are happening at church and we are so thankful the youth can be involved. The next LYO date is scheduled for March 25th.

Amanda Evans, Youth Ministries  
Chairperson

## Church Council Notes

February 8, 2026

OSL Church Council met on February 8, 2026 following worship. January Council minutes were approved and the financial report from January was accepted.

President Joseph Lutter made the following appointments to complete the council officers and standing committees for 2026: Dana Lewis to be the Church Treasurer, Diane Dangel to be the Church Council Secretary, Allison Marlow to serve a two year term on the Welcome and Outreach Committee, Morgan Piehl to a six year term on the Endowment Committee, Jim Ellenson & Butch Odegard to a one year term on the Audit Committee, Henry & Diane Dunkel and Doug Dangel to a one year term as Bethesda Home Corporation delegates. Openings remain for vice president, Memorial Committee and Nominating Committee. Sue Christensen has agreed to the two years needed on the Spiritual & Financial Committee.

Northern Plains Conference was February 22 in Bowdle and the Bethesda annual meeting is April 23. Don gave an update on the sanctuary project. March 15 is the next meeting following worship. Diane Dangel, Council Secretary

## LIBRARY

The new list of books for 2026 for Faithful Readers is on the west shelf in the church library.

The new books are in the Library at the church. All of them are at the Carneige Library in Redfield except The Prayer Box. When you check them out be sure to complete the card and leave it in the card file box.

# March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> 9 am – Worship 10 am – Fellowship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time 11 am – Food Truck	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9 am – Worship 10 am – Fellowship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time 1:30 pm – Love Circle	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9 am – Worship 10 am – Fellowship 10:15 am – Church Council	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9 am – Worship, Deacons deliver Communion 10 am - Fellowship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	<b>25</b> 7 pm - LYO	<b>26</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9 am – Worship, Kids Sing 10 am – Fellowship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	<b>Wednesday Schedule</b> 5 pm – WOW Classes 5:45 pm – Supper 6:30 pm – Lenten Worship Changes/additions listed weekly			

# MARCH

1  
2 Karlene Stellmacher  
Garret Swanson  
3 Wayde White  
Masyn Curtis  
Riley & Jessica Curtis  
4  
5 Madden Odland  
Brenna Hansen  
Peyton Marlow  
6 Dawn & Dustin Schmidt  
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10 Drew Masat  
11 Julie Becker  
12 Carson Jessen  
13 Austin Wager  
Kaia Dawson  
14 Tara Hekrdle  
Ashley Croeni  
Kendra Dawson  
15 Vic Hochhalter  
16 Maverick Pochop  
Anthony & Kayla Swanson  
17 Colette Taylor  
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20 Conner Jessen  
Jayde Englund  
Anthony Swanson  
21 Kerry Baird  
Lance Mason  
22 Larry Crook  
Allan & Sandy Lewis  
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

### Approved Memorial wish list includes:

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

### February 2026 Statistics

There were no baptisms, deaths, marriages, transfers out or transfers in.

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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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 – 5:00 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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Pastor Joy Proper

Thordys Blume, Secretary

Della Osborn, Custodian

Dana Lewis, Treasurer

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## **THANK YOU:**

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Members  
Wow!!! Thank you so very much for your  
wonderful donation of soups for your  
'Souper Bowl' Sunday. You good folks do  
so much for this home mission! We are so  
grateful. May the Lord bless you all for your  
generousness and faithfulness to this  
community. Thank you again dear friends.  
Sincerely, Penny Ihnen & Sherry Wurtz, Co-  
Directors, Tri Co. Good Samaritan Center

**Spring Clean up time will soon  
be here. If you like to work outside  
and can volunteer a few hours, let  
the office know. There are several  
locations that need some 'tender  
loving care'.**

## **CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –**

### **Weekly Offerings – February 2026**

Operating - \$ 7,812.00

Sanctuary, Carpet - \$ 1,200.00

Noisy Bucket - \$ 136.77

After School, WOW Supper - \$120.00

Ash Wednesday - \$ 45.00

Lent - \$ 264.00

### **VANCO – January 2026**

Operating - \$ 1,396.88,0

Sanctuary - \$ 20.00

## **FAITHFUL READERS**

Faithful Readers Book Club will meet  
again in April in the church Library to begin a  
new year of reading and discussion. The new  
list for 2026 is on the shelf along with the  
books. Everyone who enjoys reading books is  
invited to join us. Check with Linda Schroeder  
for more information.