

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

"Messenger"

April, 2020

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

Everything on Hold

We have included a calendar in this newsletter but it is mostly blank. At this point we are not expecting much to happen at the church or in many of our lives as we stay separate from one another and hope to slow the spread of the virus. All the traditional things we do will be cancelled or postponed or altered even for Holy Week and Easter, the most important days in the Christian calendar. And things that we still expect to do—First Communion, Confirmation mentor meetings, Vacation Bible School will be on hold until we can mingle safely again.

Creative Connections

We hope you are using your imaginations for things to do to keep busy in quarantine and to connect at a safe distance with community. At the church we are setting up a calling tree for people to stay in touch—sign up with the pastor to make calls or to receive calls (church office 472-2640) and we also invite you to use the church building in this time—to escape from home for a little field trip with your kids, to stop in the library to borrow a book or DVD, or to walk and get exercise. It is a safe place for that as long as we stay at a distance from each other. But we will not gather for worship or fellowship, or Bible studies and we will not risk serving Communion until this is over. The council will decide when that time has come.

Worship Continues

With the help of our accompanists and Judd and LeAnn, we are continuing to offer worship Sunday mornings at 9:00 am both on the radio at 97.7 FM and online at hubcityradio.com and on Facebook at the church's page. It is also posted on Facebook to be viewed later.

Holy Week will be odd also but Pastor Brian hopes to provide short worship on Facebook at 7:00 pm for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and we will have our worship at 9:00 am on Easter Morning.

Supporting the Work of the Church

Even when we cannot gather regularly, the work of the church continues and so do our expenses. Some of you give automatically with funds sent from your bank or through Vanco. Others of you have mailed in your offerings or brought them to the church office. Please continue to support the work we do together.

From the Pastor's Desk

The Lentliest Lent Ever

I said in my sermon this week that this might be the Lentliest Lent that we ever experience. Although the usual Lenten observances are canceled—Wednesday suppers and worship, children waving palm branches and singing, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, Easter breakfast and Holy Communion Worship (even on Easter Sunday!)—we are experiencing the walk with Jesus and the season of sacrifice in a profound way.

Jesus walked a difficult road—even his disciples couldn't understand why Jesus was heading toward Jerusalem where his life would certainly be in danger—and in the end he hung on that cross alone—abandoned by his disciples and even crying out to God asking why he has been so forsaken.

This Lent we feel the temptations of Lent—tempted to continue acting as nothing is wrong even as the pandemic spreads nearer. This Lent we experience the sacrifice of Lent—giving up classes and tournaments, recitals and coffee parties, being with friends or escaping on vacations. This Lent we feel the hatred of the soldiers who take out their frustrations on the condemned ones, the anger of Pilate and Herod who just want to get this over. This Lent we worry that those we love will die alone—and some will—much like our Savior alone on that cross followed by a quick burial.

Yet we trust that Easter will come, that Jesus will break free of the chains of death and we will break free of these chains too. God can bring the dry bones of a nation back to life and God can raise a person from the grave—Lazarus, Jesus, and you and me too. In fact, through baptism we are joined already to Christ's death and raised to new life. So let's live!

Please use this time to love your families, to connect in creative ways, to care for each other's needs, and to consider what lessons you have learned in this quarantine that may bless you beyond it. For surely someday this Lent will be over and Easter will come with a familiar shout.

Pastor Brian

Church Council Highlights

Our Savior's Council summary

March 15, 2020

- Call to order – Karmen Weinzirl
- Devotions/Prayer – Pastor Brian
- Approval of Council minutes
- No treasurer's report available
- Pastor reported on wedding, funeral and up-coming events
- Concern about COVID-19 and how we respond
- Need Voting Members to attend Northern Plains Conference March 29 and SD Synod Assembly June 5-6 in Sioux Falls
- COVID-19 discussion. Decided to cancel worship services on March 18th & 22nd and review by email March 23.
- **Committee Reports**
- First communion planned for Palm Sunday
- Reviewing worship surveys
- New lights in secretary's office
- W/ELCA –minor adjustments in the kitchen
- 6-8 students interested in 2021 Youth Gathering

Sanctuary Project

Don Masat has been asked to be general contractor again for our building project and some have been giving gifts and memorials for that project, but no work has started yet and we may hold off until things are “back to normal” with our financial situation.

Funerals

As you have probably heard, we are not allowed to have our normal funeral worship or fellowship gatherings during this COVID-19 threat. Small gatherings of family at home or church or funeral home may be followed later by memorial services when all will be welcome to gather. But please keep mourning families in your prayers in this time. Two such small family gatherings were held this week for the families of Connie Hansen and Erika Igo.

Weddings

Our next wedding is scheduled for July 11 and we hope we are back to normalcy by then.

Synod Calls

At this time all Synod pastors and deacons are invited to a weekly Synod Call (by internet) with the Bishop and Synod Staff on Wednesday afternoons. They are also having such calls for Congregational Presidents. As Dean of our Conference I also have a weekly Dean call scheduled for Thursday mornings. So we are keeping in touch with our Bishop and each other for support and encouragement in this time.

Manufacturer's Coupons

Remember to bring your unused coupon fliers to the church kitchen. These coupons are used by our military families that are stationed overseas. They can use them for up to 6 months after their expiration date. You DO NOT need to cut them out as someone has volunteered to do that.

Keep Informed

With so much uncertainty it is very important that we have current email addresses and telephone numbers so we can keep our members updated as things change. If you have not given the office (472-2640) your preferred phone number and email address – please do so now.

Need Food or Supplies?

We don't have a large stockpile at the church but if you call us we will try to find what you need. In the meantime there are resources available:

- The **Food Pantry** of the Good Samaritan Center is still open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call ahead (450-1593) to make an appointment with Penny. Donations of food cannot be received at this time but money to buy necessary items is welcome.
- The **Feeding SD food truck** will be in Redfield at the Armory on April 16 at 11:00 am. This will be a drive-through service so people will not walk through a line to pick up food but they will drive up and receive a pre-packed box of food.
- The **Senior Center** is delivering noon meals. Call Senior Nutrition 472-0155.
- **Redfield Food Center** will deliver groceries. 472-0424
- Most of our restaurants are closed to eat-in service but you can pick up food or ask to have it delivered—check at Subway, DQ, La Cabana, Leo's and Roosters as well as convenience stores.
- Judd Wasmoen is using the church kitchen to make up some hotdish meals of various kinds that the church will give away to those who need a meal. Some will be in the kitchen freezer for you to pick-up or call the church if you know someone who could use a meal.

Please don't go without or allow a neighbor in need to run out of supplies. Call our church or call the 211 Helpline if you know of a need.

April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
WORSHIP 9 am – Live on Radio 97.7 fm and/Facebook until we get the all clear to resume regular gatherings.			1 No Events	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday	6	7	8 No Events	9 7 pm – Maundy Thursday	10 7 pm – Good Friday	11
12 Easter – 9 am Broadcast	13	14	15 No Events	16 11 am - Food Truck Drive Thru	17	18
19	20	21	22 No Events	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 No Events	30		

2020

1 Chloe Jessen
Ted Kimball

2 Ruth Swanson
Mikael Nielson

3 Colton Taylor
Bev Rogers

4 LeAnn Schulte
Kathi Swanson
Allyson Croeni

5 Karen Noss
Larry & Sharon Rezek

6 Alison Odland

7 Don Masat
Cory Pochop

8 Penny Aspelund
Rita Price
Sheila Odland
Renee Olson
Bob Ohm

9

10 Tim Odland
Irene Davis
Tommy Gregg

11 Phyllis Markegard
Brandon Robinson

12 Morgan Piehl

13 Kalli Spotanske
Carol Maddox
Allison Marlow

14 Diane Roeber
Kim Roeber
Julia Perez

15 Ryan Brace
Jake Rissmann

16 Darcy Harford
Linda Simpson
Thordys Blume
Amiya White
Tyrel Wik

17 Bob Curtis
Allen Mohr
Steve Masat

18 Gregory Knapp
Michael Rohrbach
Carisa Giblin
Elijah Perez

19 Emery Hochhalter

20 Katelyn Schroeder

21 Devyn Englund
Deb Rose
Bruce Markegard
Matt Schmidt

22 Jennifer Boerger

23 Carol Maddox

24

25 Paige Maher

26 Ron Avery
Orman Fixsen IV
Pat & LeAnn Schulte

27 Steve Woodring
Kerry & John Doren

28 Roger Masat
Kerry & Dawn Baird

29

30 Sonja Gabriel

Memorial Gifts Received

Sanctuary Fund:

In memory of Arlene Scheele from Carol Lund

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

- Tables of various sizes
- Banners
- Additional portable microphones
- Cameroon Roofs
- ELW hymnals
- Library Fund
- Endowment Fund
- Projection Equipment
- Radio Broadcast Sponsors
- Sanctuary Fund

March 2020 Statistics

Deaths: Connie Hansen
There were no baptisms, marriages,
transfers in or transfers out.

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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

Church Office – 472-2640

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Our Savior's Lutheran Staff

Brian Wasmoen, Pastor

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Della Osborn, Custodian

Lisa Lewis, Treasurer

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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THANK YOU:

Dear Friends! Thank you so very much for the wonderful donation of Food! Thank you Henry & Diane for delivering the Food to us so faithfully!! We appreciate you all soooo much! Thank you for your continued support! Sincerely, Sherry Wurtz and Penny Ihnen – Co-Directors

Thank you to those that volunteered to deliver meals from the Senior Center the first week of March – Diane & Henry Dunkel, Dawn & Kerry Baird, Pam Schmidt, Gene & Karlene Stellmacher.

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

Weekly Offerings – March 2020

Operating - \$ 8,400.00

Ash Wednesday - \$ 10.00

Lent - \$ 626.00

Sanctuary Fund - \$ 1,300.00

World Hunger - \$ 75.00

VANCO – February 2020

Operating - \$ 1,206.78

Disaster Relief - \$ 10.00

Evangelism - \$ 10.00

World Hunger - \$ 10.00

FAITHFUL READERS

The book that is assigned for April 16 is Beauty and Grace by Christina M. Alt. Check your email for more information on the April meeting. The book for June is The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris.