

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

"Messenger"

April, 2021

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

**Radio and Facebook
Broadcasts**

We are thrilled to get consistent reports that the radio broadcast is finally coming in loud and clear again. Thanks to Ray Dunn and the people he pulled together to find a fix for this.

We are also progressing with improvements to our video broadcast, now using multiple cameras and better software. As we get our sound and video plan together, we hope to build a new booth in the back for that equipment and we need to find volunteers to help run the sound and video.

Les Helm and Orman Fixsen are still helping with the sound but Donna Crook and Doug Simons have retired from this job after many years. Ray Dunn and Judd Wasmoen and Dana Lewis have been added to our roster of tech crew but we probably need a few more who are willing to learn how to run sound and/or video. It would be nice to set up a rotation as we have had in the past. Please let us know if you might be willing to learn.

FEEDING PEOPLE

Food Truck: The Feeding South Dakota Food Truck is expected at the armory in Redfield again on April 8, May 6 and June 3 at 11:00 am. Mark your calendars and tell your friends.

Senior Meals: We need volunteers the week of April 26-30 to deliver meals around Redfield for the Senior Center. Sign up to help.

Grocery Cart: Fill it up with non-perishable supplies for the Food Pantry.

Pandemic News

While the pandemic unfortunately is not over, we celebrate with each vaccination that takes us one step closer to freedom. Please get your vaccinations when you can.

Pastor Brian had his second Moderna vaccine shot on March 31 so will be fully immune two weeks later—April 14. So he plans to visit his mother for several days beginning April 19 after not seeing her in-person since early February 2020. He should also be able to go into the nursing home on April 18 to lead worship.

The council has decided that we can begin having coffee fellowship on April 18 for those who are comfortable gathering if we have volunteers to put on the coffee pot and bring snacks. We will use paper cups and plates to keep things safe and simple for now.

The council will meet again on April 18 to decide about other ways we will return to normal. We certainly understand that there is a difference of opinion between members of the congregation, so we understand that while some may be quick to return to activities, others will choose to stay distant and stay safe. That is your choice.

From the Pastor's Desk

Freedom Day

Today is Freedom Day. The day I got my second vaccination—March 31, 2021. In two weeks I will be fully immunized and much safer from the possibility of getting Covid-19. So I can do some things that I haven't been able to do in a long time—first on the list, visit my mother (April 19-22). Another high priority is getting into the nursing homes again after many months—I lead worship at Eastern Star again April 18.

Last evening they reported that 50% of those 65 and older now have been fully vaccinated. This morning the report was that 16.1% of all American adults are fully vaccinated and now Pfizer has been testing a vaccine for youth ages 12-15 with promising results. I feel the excitement when I go to the armory and see so many lined up for their shots—the first ones, the second ones, freedom!

Sunday is Freedom Day. Easter! The day that Jesus Christ overcomes death and the grave. The day we are set free from our sin and free to live the life God intends for us. I wonder what percentage of us are ready to live in that freedom. I am not talking about the percentage of Christians in America. Or the percent who worship. Or the percent who study the Bible and pray. But more deeply: What percentage of us have been vaccinated against the powers that want to pull us away from God? What percentage feel the amazing grace of a God who sacrifices God's Son surging through our veins?

If we are vaccinated in the gospel, who do we rush to tell? Just as I hurry to visit my Mom or finally go into the nursing homes free of Covid, who are we excited to tell that we are freed of sin and death and share the vaccine with those who need it desperately? Yes, we are freed to share this freedom with all—to vaccinate all we meet on our journey. That is the true calling of Christian freedom. Lead us Jesus.

Pastor Brian

Church Council Highlights

March 21, 2021

- Call to order by Karmen Weinzirl
- Devotions/Prayer – Pastor Brian
- Approved minutes from February 21, 2021
- Accepted Treasurer's Report
- PPP loan forgiveness and new loan in process
- Pastor Brian's meetings are on Zoom; preparing for Holy Week and Easter. Pastor will take vacation April 19-22 when vaccine is effective.
- When Pastor's vaccinations are fully effective, we will take further steps toward normal, beginning with coffee fellowship and nursing home worship April 18.
- Treasurer Lisa is vacating her position effective May 31; need to find a member willing to take this position or hire outside the congregation.
- Motion to approve the September 18 wedding of Shantz/Moore.
- Looking for three voting members to "attend" the Synod Assembly by Zoom June 4 -5.
- Spiritual/Financial Gifts cleaning up mailboxes and offering envelopes
- Youth Ministries – planning for fall
- Children's Ministries – planning for fall
- Worship Committee – monitoring the COVID situation and adjusting accordingly. Using hymnals. Good improvements for both the radio and Facebook broadcasts thanks to Ray Dunn. Special music for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter; distribution of palms; new Easter and Spring banners purchased with Dangel/Steinheuser memorial money.
- Buildings & Grounds – six pews returned and six sent to Sioux Falls.
- W/ELCA – funeral committee is receptive to resuming funeral lunches; W/ELCA books will be updated in October.
- Welcome and Outreach – Transfer for Shane and Heather Jordon, Zachary, Brady and Kayla to St. Paul Lutheran in Clark
- Next meeting is Sunday, April 18 at 7:00 pm

Thanks to all who attended our Lenten and Easter Worship and for the ministries you supported with your offerings. Thanks for those who assist with the worship services, the music, and the tech required for all these worship services.

Wednesday Chats: With the end of Lent, Pastor Brian will return to offering Wednesday evening chats at 6:00 on the days he is here. So he invites you to join him those evenings this month on April 14 and 28.

Coupon Collection

Brenda Davis has taken over the coupon cutting job that her Aunt Irene previously did. Brenda reports she would like to send another shipment of coupons about May 1. So if you have coupons for the box, bring to the church kitchen. The military families appreciate the help these give them on their living expenses.

Blood Drives

We will host our next Blood Drive in our fellowship hall on May 24.

Treasurer Position to Fill

Lisa Lewis has informed the church council that, after 8 years as our treasurer, she is ready to help someone else transition into this position by the end of May. Let us know if you or someone you know may be willing to serve as our treasurer. This position requires paying bills and keeping records as well as preparing monthly reports for the council meetings. If we cannot find someone within the congregation willing to do this job, we may have to hire someone outside to be our treasurer.

We will want to audit the books in this transition, so we will need auditors. Jim Ellenson was elected to the auditing committee but we should have another auditor. Contact pastor or council if you are willing.

Weddings on the Church Calendar:

May 21—Kayla Understock and Nathan Jessen

June 5—Brooklyn Rohlf and Nolan Peterson

September 18—Taylor Shantz and Brittney Moore

Also July 17--Garrett Masat and Bailey Miles will be married in Turton

Women of the ELCA, OSL

Funeral Committee Updates:

The Funeral Committee met in preparation for serving funerals as the time approaches. The funeral committee welcomes new members Donna Crook and Diane Roeber. Stacey Marlow will be a helper. Sue Christiansen has agreed to be the contact for Kelly Hyke at the Funeral Home. When soliciting, we will request bars and no cake. The bars are easier to serve.

W/ELCA Roster Booklet:

We have decided to not do a new book until later this fall. At that time we should know what our “New Normal” will look like and can then make plans the rest of 2021 and for the new year – 2022.

Spiritual & Financial

We have done some ‘cleaning out’ in the mailboxes in the back of the church. Old information has been cleaned out. You are reminded to check your mailbox on a regular basis. There are also many 2021 Offering Envelopes still on the table. If you see mail or envelopes for a family member or friend please take them and deliver to them. Soon I will check on these items, call you and possibly deliver them. Donna Crook, Chairperson

ZOOM Online Meetings

We recently had our **Northern Plains Conference Assembly** on Zoom and we had several attend. We elected leaders at this meeting including Diane Dangel (re-elected treasurer) and Mary O’Donnell (elected to be Churchwide Voting Member in 2022) with Donna Crook as alternate voting member if Mary cannot go. Ray Dunn finished up 4 years on Support to Ministries and Pastor Brian continues to serve as Dean.

We will also have our **Synod Assembly** on June 4-5 by Zoom so we need several members to “attend” while sitting at home in front of their screens. If you are interested in this, let the pastor or council know.

Bethesda Annual Meeting will also be held by Zoom on April 20 and Pastor Brian will attend both his Rostered Leaders Retreat April 6-8 and his continuing education by May 17-21, sitting in front of the computer on Zoom. We all long for the good old days when we drove places and had meetings face-to-face.

April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 6:30 pm – Worship 10 am – Dean Call	2 6:30 pm - Worship	3
4 7:00 am – Worship 9:00 am - Worship	5	6 Pastor at Spring Conference by Zoom	7 No Chat	8 7:30 am – Bible Study 11 am – Food Truck	9	10
11 9 am - Worship	12	13 1:00 pm – Text Study	14 6 pm - Chat	15 7:30 am – Bible Study 10:00 am – Dean Call	16 12 pm – Ministerial Association	17
18 9 am – Worship 10 am – Fellowship 3 pm – Eastern Star Worship 7 pm-Church Council	19 Pastor's Vacation	20	21 No Chat	22 7:30 am – Bible Study	23	24
25 9 am – Worship 10 am – Fellowship	26 Deliver Senior Meals	27 1:00 pm – Text Study	28 6 pm - Chat	29 7:30 am – Bible Study 10:00 am – Dean Call	30	

2021

1 Chloe Jessen
Ted Kimball

2 Ruth Swanson
Mikael Nielson
Robert Schmitt

3 Colton Taylor
Bev Rogers
Isabella Swanson

4 LeAnn Schulte
Kathi Swanson
Allyson Croeni
Zoe Zastrow

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
Tommy Gregg

11 Phyllis Markegard
Brandon Robinson

12 Morgan Piehl

13 Kalli Spotanske
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
Adalee McMahan

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

Undesignated:

In memory of Helen & Gordon Hansen and Cindy Fischer from James & Candace Weller and Dallas & Ann Hansen and families.

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

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

March 2021 Statistics

Transfers out: Shane, Heather, Zachary,
Brady & Kayla Jordan
There were no baptisms, deaths, marriages,
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-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
Thordys Blume, Secretary
Della Osborn, Custodian
Lisa Lewis, Treasurer

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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THANK YOU:

Thank you so very much for your continued support of the Tri-County Good Samaritan Center. Your generosity and faithfulness to this home mission is amazing. Thank you friends for all you do for our communities. Sincerely, Penny Ihnen & Sherry Wurtz, Co-Directors

LIBRARY

We have 2 new books in the Church Library. Check them out!! These new books are on the top shelf of the cart along with several other of the newer books.

- 1) **Limping But Blessed** by Jason Jones. This is the story of one man's journey through the darkest time of life – the loss of his 3 year old son and a grueling attempt to find a sliver of hope to keep holding on.
- 2) **Fierce** by Alice Connor. Women of the Bible and their stories of violence, mercy, bravery, wisdom, and salvation. Women in the Bible aren't shy or retiring. They're fierce and funny and demanding and relevant to 21st century people.

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

Weekly Offerings – March 2021

Operating - \$ 8,545.00
Lent - \$ 520.00
World Hunger - \$ 25.00

VANCO – February 2021

Operating - \$ 1,453.04
Disaster Relief - \$ 10.00
Evangelism - \$ 10.00
Sanctuary \$ 20.00
World Hunger - \$ 65.00

FAITHFUL READERS

The book club will meet on Thursday, April 15 at 2 PM. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at Our Savior's Lutheran so we can still spread out some instead of such close contact in the library. We plan on following last year's schedule of books. The April book will be Beauty and Grace by Christina M. Alt. Hope to see you there! If you have questions contact Diann Steinheuser or Linda Schroeder