

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

"Messenger"

April 2023

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

WORSHIP

On April 16, Doreen Gosmire will be with us to officially install Ray Dunn as our Synodically Authorize Minister (SAM). She is the Support to Ministries Representative/Lay for the Northern Plains Conference. A SAM person is a lay person authorized by the Synod to conduct many of the responsibilities of an ordained pastor. Ray can preside at a communion service, funeral and many other official duties. Our Church Council has asked Ray to fulfill these duties in the absence of a full time pastor.

April 30, at worship we will finally be able to hold Harvestfest that was postponed last fall and waiting for better weather this spring. Joining us will be Pastor Jeff Backer. He is the pastor at St Dymas ministries of the South Dakota State Penitentiary. He will share what God is doing in the prison through this mission. The Harvestfest offering that we usually receive will go to support this outreach of the South Dakota Synod. Designate on your envelope or check the amount you wish to give. (Continued next column)

(Worship continued)

Beginning on April 12th following Lent and Easter, we go back to our regular Wednesday schedule. WOW at 4:40 pm, supper at 5:30 pm, Worship at 6 pm with communion and Confirmation classes & Youth groups at 6:35 pm.

On May 7 we will honor the Seniors during the 9 am worship. They will receive a quilt as a gift during a special part of the service.

Call Committee Update

Many of you are wondering where we are at in the calling process. At this time our site-study is being shared by the synod with potential pastors. Until we get the okay to share a name with our congregation the process is confidential. We continue to ask for everyone's prayers as we move forward.

As you can understand this past winter has been difficult for everyone's personal and professional lives. So we ask for patience and know God is in charge.

Message from Ray

Grace and Peace from God our Father, and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is the Son.

Take a few minutes and turn off all the noise in your home. No radio, no television, no computer, no music, just silence. Find a chair and sit with your feet flat on the floor, let your arms fall to a comfortable position and close your eyes. For 90 seconds notice your breath. Just your regular breath going in and out. It will seem like a very long time. Keep your eyes closed and think about the muscles in your jaw. Tell them to relax. Think about the muscles in your neck, tell them to relax. Let your shoulders fall and think about the muscles in your back, relax. Chest and stomach, relax. Lower back, relax. Legs relax. Finally tell your feet to relax. Remain relaxed and notice your breathing again. Relax. Say to yourself, "God, thank you for this day." Take a deep breath and open your eyes.

In March we walked with Jesus toward Jerusalem. It was Lent. It was a time to think about our sins, realize we are imperfect beings, to be contrite and express penitence. On Palm Sunday we celebrate Jesus the Messiah as King of the Jews. The King who fulfils the Old Testament, enters the synagogue and claims his place as THE ONE.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services are considered two halves of the same service. On Thursday hands are laid on each of us and the words, "In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins. Amen". You have received the Word of Our Lord. On Friday we remember the Passion of Christ. Sunday morning, Easter, we celebrate again. Jesus has risen, he has risen indeed.

Christ died for our sins and takes his place as King on the throne in Heaven. SIN IS DEAD!

Think of each sin you can remember from the last year. Think about each one individually and the feelings you had. With each thought say to yourself, "I am forgiven." And let it go. It is in the past. God gave us two eyes in the front of our heads to see forward. It takes effort to stop, turn your head and your body, and look back at where you have been. If God wants you to see the past he would have given you eyes in the back of your head. The past is gone. SIN IS DEAD. Move forward and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God. Amen

Church Council Notes

The Church Council met on March 19. CC minutes from February 5 were approved. Treasurer's reports from January & February were accepted. Redfield Chamber of Commerce dues were paid. Thordys will be on vacation April 27-May 2 to attend a wedding. A discussion was held on NorthWestern Energy's request to remove several of the Ash trees on the south side of the church property. Ray discussed a new computer accounting system to coincide with the Synod & Churchwide offices. WOW children will process with Palms and sing April 2. Youth will lead Sunrise worship on Easter Sunday and serve breakfast. Worship continues with Ray & Melissa leading. Harvestfest will be held on April 29 with Pastor Backer from St. Dymas leading worship and share the story of prison ministry.

A report from the Northern Plains Conference meeting was presented.

The Call committee reported that the Site Study information has been shared with prospective clergy.

The next meeting will be held April 16 following worship.

Youth & Confirmation

The confirmation groups did a nice job of participating in Lenten services. After Easter, we only have a few weeks of confirmation left.

The 9th and 10th graders will have completed their two years of preparation and will be confirmed this fall. The 7th and 8th graders will have one year left. This year's 6th graders will move up into the rotation next year as we transition back to confirming kids after their 8th grade year.

The 9th and 10th graders shared a meal, games, and fellowship with a group of the Catholic kids in March. We look forward to doing more of those types of events.

BIBLE CAMP

Church Camp Registration is open!! Go to losd.org to check out the opportunities for youth who are interested in attending camp this summer. Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota has camps near Waybay (NeSoDak), Isabel (Klein Ranch), and Custer (Outlaw Ranch). Attending camp gives kids a chance to meet others, study the Bible, and enjoy a wide variety of recreational activities. Register before April 17th to get the early bird registration discount. OSL will pay for everything other than your down payment, and Lutherans Outdoors does have scholarships available!! Questions? Check in with Melissa Zastrow (mellenson@hotmail.com) or Dana Lewis (rdlewis@nvc.net).
Melissa Zastrow

WORLD HUNGER

As many as 811 million people around the world are undernourished. Your gifts matter — in Ghana, the United States, Tanzania and other countries all around the world. As church, our calling is not merely to minister to our neighbors but to bear witness to the “new thing” God is doing in our world, a new community God is making possible.

God is with us along the way, inspiring hope and courage and revealing Godself in the neighbors we encounter. This is not an easy road to travel. But we know that we are there together, companions journeying toward a time when we will hunger and thirst no more, a time that even now is being revealed in the work of our partners, our companion churches and you.

Your gifts to World Hunger matter around the world. It is part of our ministry to people around the world to nourish not only their souls but their bodies too.

Senior Meal Delivery

Our Savior's delivers meals for the Senior Center and we need more help. We deliver for a week at a time every several months. The best way to help is to go with someone a time or two so you become familiar with the route. If you would consider doing these a day or two when it is our turn, let the office know and you can be paired with someone to become a volunteer.

Remember the grocery cart in the back of the church. Fill it up and help our local Food Pantry. This is a mission that always needs the shelves stocked.

April

<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 10:00 Fellowship Additions listed weekly			Regular Schedule – Additions listed weekly 4:40 pm – WOW Classes 5:30 pm – Supper 6:00 pm – Worship 6:35 pm – Confirmation & Youth Groups			1
2 Palm Sunday WOW kids sing at Worship Deacons deliver Communion	3	4	5 No WOW, Supper or Worship 6:30 pm – 7th-10th Youth Groups, pizza & planning	6 7:30 am – Bible Study 6:30 pm – Maundy Thursday Worship	7 12:05 pm – Good Friday Worship – Wesleyan Church	8
9 Easter Sunday 7:00 am – ‘Sonrise’ Worship Breakfast 9 am - Worship	10	11	12 1:30 pm – Love Circle	13 7:30 am – Bible Study	14	15
16 SAM Installation 7 pm – Church Council	17	18	19	20 7:30 am – Bible Study 2 pm – Faithful Readers	21	22 10 am – Bridal Shower for April Hamilton, Tulare Community Room
23	24	25	26	27 7:30 am – Bible Study	28	29
30 Harvestfest- Pastor Backer						

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April 2023 Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| <p>1 Chloe Jessen
Hank Hansen
Ted Kimball</p> <p>2 Mikael Nielson
Robert Schmitt</p> <p>3 Colton Taylor
Bev Rogers
Isabella Swanson</p> <p>4 LeAnn Schulte
Kathi Swanson
Allyson Croeni
Zoe Zastrow</p> <p>5 Nolan Peterson</p> <p>6 Alison Odland</p> <p>7 Don Masat
Cory Pochop</p> <p>8 Penny Aspelund
Rita Price
Sheila Odland
Renee Olson
Bob Ohm</p> <p>9</p> <p>10 Tim Odland
Tommy Gregg</p> <p>11 Phyllis Markegard
Brandon Robinson</p> <p>12 Morgan Piehl</p> <p>13 Kalli Spotanske
Allison Marlow</p> <p>14 Diane Roeber
Kim Roeber</p> <p>15 Ryan Brace
Jake Rissmann</p> | <p>16 Darcy Harford
Linda Simpson
Thordys Blume
Amiya White
Tyrel Wik</p> <p>17 Bob Curtis
Allen Mohr
Steve Masat</p> <p>18 Gregory Knapp
Michael Rohrbach
Carisa Giblin</p> <p>19 Emery Hochhalter</p> <p>20 Katelyn Schroeder
Adalee McMahan</p> <p>21 Devyn Englund
Deb Rose
Bruce Markegard
Matt Schmidt</p> <p>22 Jennifer Boerger</p> <p>23 Carol Maddox</p> <p>24 Alayna White
Sarah Jones-Lutter</p> <p>25 Paige Maher</p> <p>26 Orman Fixsen IV
Pat & LeAnn Schulte</p> <p>27 Steve Woodring
Kerry & John Doren</p> <p>28 Roger Masat
Myah Becker
Kerry & Dawn Baird</p> <p>29</p> <p>30 Sonja Gabriel</p> |
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Memorial Gifts Received

Sanctuary:

In memory of Alice Dunn from Alan & Diann Steinheuser

In memory of George Larsen from Gordon & Thordys Blume, Alan & Diann Steinheuser

Undesignated:

In memory of Pearle Knutson from Carol Lund

In memory of Alice Dunn from Henry & Diane Dunkel, Clark & Rosa Davis, Gordon & Thordys Blume, Eileen Crawford, Ruth Jessen, Francelle Fuss

In memory of Steven Rabuck from Susie Dudley

In memory of Maybelle Rabuck from Susie Dudley

In memory of George Larsen from Darrel & Colleen Rohlfs, Brenda Davis, Clark & Rosa Davis, Boscobel Elementary Staff

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

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

March 2023 Statistics

Death: George Larsen
There were no baptisms, marriages,
transfer 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.
Also on Facebook

Wednesday

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

WOW Supper – 5:30 pm

WOW Worship – 6:00 pm

Confirmation & Youth Group – 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

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 everyone that sent cards and
memorials for my mon "Pearle Knutson" from
Sonja and Don Gabriel and family.

**Thanks to those delivering Senior Meals in
March: Henry & Diane Dunkel and Francelle
Fuss**

Dear Funeral Committee Ladies: Thank you
ladies for your help with the funeral. It was nice
seeing familiar faces. Susan, Judy, and Bruce

**Thank you to the groups that served
Wednesday evening meals during the Lenten
season: Relay for Life Team served twice,
Mary O'Donnell with help from Henry &
Diane Dunkel and Amanda Evans & the
Swanson families.**

Dear Our Savior's – Thank you so much for your
faithfulness to help keep our shelves stocked
Your church is such a great blessing. You are
truly a church of action. Your generosity speaks
of God's people who put their faith into their
community. Penny & Sherry, Co-Directors of the
Food Pantry

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

Weekly Offerings – March 2023

Operating - \$ 8,760.00

Lent - \$ 635.00

World Hunger - \$ 25.00

VANCO – February 2023

Operating - \$ 1,392.00

Sanctuary - \$ 20.00

FAITHFUL READERS

The book club will meet in the OSL
church library at 2 pm on April 20 to discuss
Shell Seekers by Rosamunde Pilcher. The book
for June will be Beneath the Bending Skies by
Jane Kirkpatrick. We welcome you to join us
for discussion and fellowship.,