

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

***"Messenger"***

**April 2024**

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

**WELCA Spring Gathering**  
**Theme - "Just Peace!"**

Don't miss it!! **The Welca Spring Gathering, 2024, will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 13th.** This Event of Fun, Fellowship, Peace, Praise, Sharing and Worship is a special opportunity to gather with other women in the Northern Plains Conference.

**Sign up deadline will be Saturday, April 6, 2024...** don't miss out, sign up NOW!!! Registration payment will be taken on the day of the Gathering from 9 -10 am on Saturday morning. Please remember that early sign up is necessary for a lunch count. You can secure your spot by calling the church office 605-472-2640 or Kari Schultz 605-450-0086 to reserve your seat, **by April 6th.** The Event will begin at 10:00 am and end at 2:pm. Registration includes a delicious noon lunch. Join Us!!

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Gathering!!

~ Kari Schultz/Welca Chairperson

**All are WELCOME**

May 19<sup>th</sup> will be New Member Sunday. A few times a year we try to host this event to welcome new people into the church. If you are thinking of becoming a member, wanting a member to tell you more information about youth programs or would like a tour of our church, you can reach out to Dana Lewis at 450-1051, Amanda Evans 460-0391 or contact the church office to get on a list for new members.

**Update from the  
Treasurer**

Thank you for continuing to support our church through your time and financial donations. At the end of February, our operational expenses were \$4,000 more than our operational income. Please consider giving what you can, knowing we have many needs.

If anyone is a Thrivent member, please let me know. Members are allowed to apply for Thrivent Action Team grants twice every year for projects (Wednesday night suppers!) that affect our community. I can help you apply.

## **From the Pastor's Desk:**

“You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.”

We all know seeds, those things that you plant, or perhaps that a pesky squirrel planted. Some grow big, some grow quickly, some grow stealthily, and some get eaten by birds, some get blown away by the wind, some get scorched by the sun, and some get too wet and mold. (I am from the Pacific Northwest after all.)

One thing I've never noticed is any particular correlation between the size of a seed and the size of the resultant plant. The seed of an avocado tree is considerably larger than that of a redwood. Nor do seeds tend to look much like what they'll grow into being. And sometimes they're carefully cultivated and sometimes they've dropped to the ground without anybody noticing.

I think much the same can be said of the word of God. Sometimes it has been carefully cultivated in a person's life and sometimes it has been randomly encountered. And when the seed of the word has been planted in someone's life, it's hard to predict what the end result will look like. And the size of the faith and the size of the transformation can have little bearing on the size of what was planted.

This can be frustrating for us when we want reliable results for what we have done. Shouldn't things grow the way that we want? But it's a reality that every gardener or farmer has encountered, no matter how good you

are, you can't successfully grow anything you want in any environment you choose.

And honestly, though we can scatter seed, we are not the farmer/gardener. This is God's planting, not ours. We are more like laborers helping out for the afternoon. There are plans we are totally unaware of and a guiding hand present long after our efforts have ceased.

And most wonderfully of all for us, the seed of the word of God is imperishable. No matter how clumsily it drops into a life or how inert the soil seems, this season and what we're seeing is not the end of the story. As long as the soil is there, the seed remains. Long after we are gone, a seed that lay so long dormant may be revived by water, or fertilizer, or sunshine. The gardener is still there, asking for another year, watching over all.

## **Lutherans Outdoors Builds Leaders**

Our Bible camps are currently looking for staff for the summer. This is a great way for college students to increase their leadership skills in a Christian environment. For more information go to: [losd.org/employment](http://losd.org/employment) for application information.

There is an article in the latest edition of The Outlook, the newsletter from Lutherans Outdoors that is located in the library. There are also copies of this article there and on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Children's Ministries is winding down for the school year. We are finishing our mini unit on Creation this month. Students are learning about what God created on each day from Genesis 1. Those who were able to brave the weather had a great time singing on Palm Sunday.

Our last Wednesday for WOW classes and supper is April 24. Come worship with us as the kids share their music one more time before summer.

Vacation Bible School will be held on Thursday, May 23. We will be collaborating with our friends from the UCC again as that has gone wonderfully the last couple of years. Look for more information and a registration link in future bulletins and the next newsletter.

## **Youth Ministries**

The end of the year is right around the corner! Six members of our confirmation class led the early Easter service and provided breakfast in between the services.

Several youth and adults toured the funeral home on March 27. Kelly Hyke provided us with a wonderful tour and discussion about what happens when someone dies and how people prepare for funerals.

Our 7-12 LYO will be bowling on April 24 as our end of year event.

## **Volunteers Needed**

**The Senior Center** is in need of drivers to deliver the meals to home bound people in town. They have lost some volunteers because of moves and job changes. If you are willing to help this home mission, call Cindy at the Senior Center-605.472.0155.

## **Church Council Summary**

OSL Church Council met on Sunday, March 17 at 10:15 am. President Melissa presented the agenda, Pastor Joy shared a devotional, the secretary's minutes from February were approved and the financial reports from February were accepted.

Transfer of membership to St. Paul Lutheran in Clark for Nick, Kasie, Lily and Macy Ingraham was approved.

Committee reports were given. New member recognition is planned for Pentecost Sunday, May 19.

Next meeting is Sunday, April 21 at 10:15 am.

Diane Dangel, Council Secretary

## **HELP! Tech People Needed**

Calling all people competent with technology. Ray Dunn is visiting with a congregation on April 7<sup>th</sup> and will likely be leading them on Sundays for quite some time. We are in urgent need of people to help with the Facebook Live on Sunday mornings. Please communicate with Ray or Melissa Zastrow to volunteer or ask questions about what is involved. It really is not too difficult, and there are directions provided. If we don't get some additional helpers, this ministry will likely not be functioning every week.

## **SANCTUARY UPDATE**

If you have been in the sanctuary for worship in the last several weeks you have seen a major change in the back. The old sound booth has been removed and all the equipment and cables have been in "temporary" mode. Now a new sound booth has been constructed and Ray is busy getting all the equipment installed and working. There are several finishing things that still need to be done, but the structure is done and ready to be used. Many hours have gone into this project. One more step in our Sanctuary Upgrade.

# April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b> 9 am – Worship 10 am – Fellowship  Additions listed weekly	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  Spring Pastor's Theological Retreat <hr/> →	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  7:30 am – Bible Study 11 am – Food Truck	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  1 pm – Pastor's Text Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  7:30 am – Bible Study 1:30 pm – Love Circle, Lakeside	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Northern Plains W/ELCA Spring Gathering
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  1 pm – Pastor's Text Study	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  7:30 am – Bible Study 2 pm – Faithful Readers	<b>11</b> 12 pm - RAMA	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>  Deacons deliver Communion 10:15 am – Church Council	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  1 pm – Pastor's Text Study	<b>24</b>  WOW Kids sing at Worship	<b>25</b>  7:30 am – Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  1 pm – Pastor's Text Study				
			<b>Wednesday Schedule</b> 4:40pm–WOW Classes 5:30 pm – Supper 6 pm – Worship 6:35 pm - Confirmation			

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## April 2024 Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

### Memorial Gifts Received

#### Undesignated:

In memory of John Solheim from Kaye & Rob DeYoung

In memory of Nellie Dieter Allen from Dwight & Sue Mikkelsen and Robin & Bud Phillips, Jr.

#### Approved Memorial wish list includes:

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

### March 2024 Statistics

Transfers Out: Nick, Kasie, Lily and Macy  
Ingraham to St. Paul, Clark  
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.  
Also on Facebook

**Wednesday**

**WOW Kid's Classes (4 yr-6<sup>th</sup>) – 4:40 pm**  
**WOW Supper – 5:30 pm**  
**WOW Worship – 6:00 pm**  
**Confirmation – 6:35 pm**

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday: 9 am – 3 pm

Church Office – 472-2640

Pastor Joy Proper – 541-255-8455

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**Our Savior's Lutheran Staff**

Pastor Joy Proper

Thordys Blume, Secretary

Della Osborn, Custodian

Dana Lewis, Treasurer

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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## **THANK YOU:**

Thank you to Henry & Diane Dunkel and Francelle Fuss for delivering the meals for the Senior Center in March.

**Thanks to those serving our Wednesday evening Meals during the Lenten season: Pastor Joy, David & Bonnie Proper; Amanda Evans and Frankfort Fire Department; the Zastrow family; Gordon & Thordys Blume; the Swanson families; Alan & Diann Steinheuser, Butch & Diane Odegaard and Keith & Linda Schroeder.**

Thank you Our Savior's for your donations to the Tri-County Food Pantry. You all are the hands and feet of Jesus! God bless you for your faithfulness in your support of this home mission. God bless you all with his richest blessings.

Penny & Sherry – Co-Directors

**Thank you to Don Masat, carpenter, and Jim Ellenson, assistant and goffer, for all the work to get the new sound booth built. To Ray Dunn for getting all the equipment installed and working. Lots of wires to sort, move and then hook back up so it all works.**

## **CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –**

### **Weekly Offerings – March 2024**

Operating - \$ 9,851.00

Lent - \$ 401.00

Maundy Thursday - \$ 767.00

Easter - \$ 1,127.00

### **VANCO – February 2024**

Operating - \$ 1,296.99

Sanctuary - \$ 20.00

## **FAITHFUL READERS**

The book club will meet in the OSL church library at 2 pm on April 18 to discuss the book Book of Last Names by Kristin Harmel. The new reading list for 2024 is on the west shelf in the library. The book for the June get-together will be Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano. We welcome you to join us for discussion and fellowship.