

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

"Messenger"

April 2026

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

Carpet Project Update

Greetings Everyone! We are happy to say the installation time for the new carpet is quickly approaching and will begin the week after Easter. We plan to have the Sunday, April 12th Worship services in the Fellowship Hall and **possibly**, the Wednesday, April 15th and Sunday, April 19th, depending on the status of the project at that time. Additionally, there will be no WOW on Wednesday, April 8th, but the Confirmation Class will meet that evening (WOW for Wednesday, April 15th is "To Be Determined based on project status"). When the installers begin, **you will notice signs on the doors in areas that cannot be entered.** These signs will move during the installation, so please be safe and **do not enter any doors marked with signs.** Additionally, this will be a curious time for kids, so please remind them not to open doors that are marked.

If you need to come to the office during the installation, call before you come - 605 472-2640 - to be sure some one is here. If steps are difficult for you, let Thordys know when you call. Thanks for your help and your patience during this time. *(Continued next column.)*

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Looking for a way to be part of the church? Donate to the carpet project and have the opportunity to sign your name on the back of a tile to be part of the church for years to come. Look for volunteers at the back of the fellowship hall to participate. If you have already donated be sure to sign a tile.

APRIL at a Glance

April 2 – 6:30 pm, Maundy Thursday Worship

April 3 – 12:05 pm – Community Good Friday Service at the Baptist Church on 7th Avenue, Pastor Melissa Rowenhorst preaching

April 5 – Easter Sunday

7 am "Sonrise Worship" Youth leading the service, including special music and Holy Communion

8 am – Youth serving Breakfast between services

9 am – Celebration Service, including special music and Holy Communion

April 6 – Carpet installation begins

April 8 – No WOW or Worship, Confirmation class meets at 6 pm

April 20-24 – OSL Delivers Meals for the Senior Nutrition Site

April 22 – Final WOW Classes for this spring

From the Pastor's Desk

When my folks were visiting recently, they had plans to take me out for lunch. "We'll go to Subway" my mom said. I said I felt like going to Leo's. "Oh, can you get in there?" she asked (meaning if it was knee scooter accessible). I assured her that I could. Mom then informed dad we'd be going to Leo's. Dad never says no to a chance to have pie at Leo's so that was that.

I found myself thinking about the fact that I knew Leo's would be accessible for me and my mom didn't. The two biggest factors I could see were that I live in Redfield and my folks don't and that I've had foot surgery before and neither of my folks have ever had any similar surgery. I've had to figure out how to navigate my way around my house, cracked blacktop, grocery stores, and everything else before. I learned to scan for things that might trip me up or I might get stuck on. My folks are lucky and have never had to run those calculations.

It's like how my dad and I have a different understanding of getting places than my mom does. She has never had a driver's license. Her view of things, from how far things are, when you need to tell someone about a turn coming up, is different from ours. It's not that one way of thinking is automatically right and another is wrong, but that our experiences have taught us to look for different things in the world around us.

What do we pay attention to in the world? What has our past taught us to see? Do we notice more the neighbor who helps selflessly or the pain of our misfortunes? Do we look for

miracles or problems? Do we look for God in the world around us? In people's kindness and the beauty of the land? Do we see God in sweeping grandeur or in the smallest of moments? Let us keep our senses open to the wonders around us.

Pastor Joy

Church Council Notes

The OSL Church Council met Sunday, March 22, 2026 following worship. The meeting was called to order by President Joseph Lutter followed by a devotion with Pastor Joy.

The February minutes were approved and the February financials were accepted.

Mike Williams explained the proposed upgrades to the sanctuary sound system with Pauer Sound, LLC, from Aberdeen. Following questions and discussion, the upgrade was approved.

President Joseph made the following one year appointments: Doug Christensen to the Farm Committee, Sue Christensen to the council position of Financial and Spiritual Gifts, and Mike Williams as Vice President.

A monetary gift was received from former Pastor Brian Wasmoen for our sanctuary upgrades.

Committee reports were given, and the adjourned meeting closed with the Lords Prayer.

Next regular meeting will be on Sunday, April 19 following worship. Council members will be installed that day. Diane Dangel, Council Secretary

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Children's Ministries

The end of March brought our WOW students bringing in the palms at Palm Sunday and sharing their musical talents. We will have a break from WOW on April 1st, and hope to resume on the 8th. The carpet project should be in full swing, which could lead to parts of the church to be closed off and would lead to no youth programs. Please be watching for our announcements on Facebook. April 22nd will be our last WOW night of the year and we will plan to have fun stations and pizza to celebrate!

Morgan Piehl, Children's Ministry

YOUTH/LYO

How are we in April already!! The 7th and 8th graders have completed helping pastor with the Lenten services. They will also take part in the Easter "Sonrise" service. They will have an early morning leading the service and providing breakfast for the two Easter services. April 22 will be the last confirmation class with pastor until fall.

The last LYO for all 7-12 youth will be April 29th @ the bowling alley. The end of the year is near and youth will not meet again until closer to September. I hope you all have a great summer, I'm sure I will see you out and about at activities.

Amanda Evans

Women of the ELCA, OSL SD Synodical 39th Annual Convention

The registration forms for the upcoming Annual SD Synodical Convention, to be held on June 17-19, 2026, are currently available on the bulletin board at the south parking lot entrance and at the Church Office. More information is available on the registration forms. The early registration fee is due on May 31, 2026. Please see the forms for more information on the scheduled daily events and activities at this gathering.

~Kari Schultz, WELCA

SHARING FINANCIAL RESOURCES

What does your offering do? Most of it stays with Our Savior's to pay salaries of Pastor Joy, office secretary and the treasurer, keep the lights on, heat the church and the parsonage, provide educational supplies for our WOW program and confirmation classes, provide worship supplies, insures our buildings and covers the other expenses to keep God's ministry vital here in our local area.

A certain percent is sent to the SD Synod to provide leadership for our churches and resources for ministry. About 5 % of this Mission Support goes to the National office to build Christian Communities in the US, support the work of seven ELCA seminaries and 27 ELCA colleges and universities. Host events and leadership opportunities for youth and young adults. Coordinate a system for recruiting and assigning rostered ministers. A percentage grows the Global Lutheran Church around the world, supports missionaries, addresses social inequities and work for justice. Finally a part goes to strengthen and sustain the ministry and mission of the whole church. To sustain ecumenical & interfaith relations, invest in technology and communications engage in research and planning, share resources for faith, discipleship, prayer stewardship and worship.

As you can see every dollar we give is used to spread God's message of salvation and love to the Redfield area, though out South Dakota, the United States and God's world.

April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 No Wednesday Activities	2 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time 11 am – Food Truck 6:30 pm–Maundy Thursday Worship	3 12:05 pm – Good Friday worship at Baptist Church on 7 th Ave.	4
5 7:00 am – Sonrise Worship 8:00 am -Breakfast 9:00 am – Worship	6 Carpet Installation Begins	7 10:30 am – Mavis Ellis funeral at Methodist Church 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	8 No WOW or Worship 6:30 pm – Confirmation Class	9 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time 1:30 pm – Love Circle	10 10:30 am – Funeral for Karlene Stellmacher at Tulare	11
12 9:00 am – Worship 10:00 Fellowship Pastor Joy to Spring Theological Conference	13	14	15 5:00 pm - WOW 6:00 pm - Worship 6-7:30 pm – Worship & Confirmation	16 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time 2 pm – Faithful Readers	17	18
19 9:00 am – Worship, Deacons deliver Communion 10:00 Fellowship	20 OSL Deliver Meals	21 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	22 5 pm – WOW, Fun Day 6 pm – Worship 6 pm – 7:30 pm – 7 th /8 th Worship & Confirmation	23 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time	24	25
26 9:00 am – Worship, 10:00 Fellowship	27	28 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	29 6:00 pm - Worship 6:30 pm – LYO,	30 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time		

April 2026

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Memorial Gifts Received

Undesignated:

In memory of

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

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

March 2026 Statistics

Death – Mavis Ellis

There were no baptisms, marriages,
transfers out 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 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
Pastor Joy Proper – 541-255-8455
secretary.osl@midconetwork.com
web site: www.oslredfieldsd.com

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, Gene Stellmacher and Francelle Fuss for delivering meals March 9-13 for the Senior Citizen Center Nutrition Program.

Thanks to the LYO group for all the cleaning you did in the church. Also to Morgan & Chris Piehl, Amanda & Katryn Evans as you spend some of your spare time cleaning and applying fresh paint to areas that need some TLC. It really brightens up the walls.

REMEMBER THE GROCERY CART IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. FILL IT UP AND SUPPORT THOSE LESS FORTUNATE.

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

Weekly Offerings – March 2026

Operating - \$ 8,365.50
Lent - \$ 550.00
Carpet - \$ 2,498.00
Screens \$ 1,000.00
Day Care - \$ 131.00
After School - \$ 20

VANCO – February 2026

Operating - \$
Sanctuary - \$ 20.00

FAITHFUL READERS

Faithful Readers Book Club will meet in the church Library on April 16 to discuss the book The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate. The book for June 18 is The Apple Orchard by Susan Wiggs. Everyone that enjoys reading books is invited to join us. Check with Linda Schroeder for more information.