

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

"Messenger"

May 2022

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

Blood Drive

OSL will hold a Blood Drive on May 23 in our Fellowship Hall with Vitalant. Blood donations are always needed and with summer activities and more accidents the need grows. Make an appointment and help save a life. Future Blood Drives will be with LifeServe. They are now the provider of blood for our local Hospital.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We aren't quite done with this school year, but we are already thinking about Vacation Bible School!! Our one day VBS was well received last year so we plan to utilize that format again. We hope to have a date and theme ready to share with you in the next newsletter. If you would like to help with the planning, please contact Melissa Zastrow at 605-216-5542.

Sanctuary Update

The Sanctuary Committee has met to begin the task of gathering information for repairs and upgrades to be considered for Our Savior's Lutheran Church. This will be an ongoing process to prioritize the wants and needs of the Sanctuary. Another group of refinishing is ready to return and the last??? load will soon be on its way to Sioux Falls

We will continue to update the congregation with the committee progress along the way.

Meal Delivery

Our Savior's is responsible for delivering the meals for the Senior Center the week of May 23 through 27. There is a chart in the back of the sanctuary for volunteers to sign up. This service helps to allow many individuals to remain in their own homes and is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions check with the office. Another way to get involved would be to help someone who has done this several times.

NEW MEMBERS

It has been months since we were able to WELCOME new members during a worship service. We have many who have joined during the Covid pandemic and have become active members. There are also many others wishing to join.

Welcome/Outreach – New members will be received on Wednesday, June 1, at the 6 pm Worship Service and June 5 at the 9 am Service. Pastor Brian has schedule to classes for prospective new members – May 25, 6:35 pm and May 30, 6:30 pm. If you are interested in membership or know someone who is, contact Dixie Jungwirth, Deb Stroud, LeAnn Wasmoen or the church office.

From the Pastor's Desk

Sharpening the Blade

I was catching up on old journals the other day and I found a Lutheran pastor talking about the working life of a pastor. He was reflecting on his ministry (he is older than I am) and how expectations have grown over the years.

He was stunned to find out that the neighboring Unitarian pastor (of a pretty large church) takes three months off every summer and lives at his lake home in a neighboring state. How? The church shuts down for the entire summer. Oh, the pastor might drive down for an occasional funeral or wedding, but nothing else goes on at that church in the summer.

By contrast, the Lutheran pastor suggests that his church (and he) keeps pretty busy through the summer, both with scheduled activities and with planning for the fall. He quotes statistics that show that most pastors work at least 50 hours and many even 60 or more hours a week—so much for the old joke that pastors only work on Sunday mornings.

In the same afternoon of reading, I found a story that seemed to offer wisdom for busy pastors and overworked people in all vocations. Maybe you've heard it:

There were once two lumberjacks who worked side-by-side all day. They both started at the same time and quit at the same time each day, but one of the two disappeared in the middle of the day for most of an hour yet still chopped as much and usually more wood than the other. The second lumberjack was puzzled by this and finally asked his partner—"how is it that you take off during part of the day but often chop more wood than I do in less time? Where do you go?"

The first lumberjack answered: "I go home and sharpen my blade."

We live in a world that encourages us to work—even overwork—our bodies and minds. Often people admire those who work the longest hours and brag that they never take vacation. But maybe it is time to realize that we all can have better lives and even work more efficiently if we take time off to rest, to recharge, and to "sharpen our blades."

LeAnn and I love to travel, and you have seen us leave for many trips (and even a sabbatical break) since we have been here. Covid has kept us close to home in 2020 and 2021 but now we are breaking out—taking a cruise with our kids in April-May and then flying out to see our Dutch

daughter Marlie (AFS student 10 years ago) and Rudy and our two Dutch grandchildren. I think that will recharge us and sharpen things that need to be sharpened.

We are blessed to be able to take such a break and we hope you too will find time for rest and re-creation in this season. Pastor Brian

Church Council Highlights

April 24, 2022

- Call to order – President Randy Maddox
- Ritual – candle lighting
- Devotions/Prayer – Melissa
- Approved minutes of March 20 meeting
- Accepted treasurer's report
- Pastor's Report: baptism, funeral, first communion, conference
- Bethesda Home of Aberdeen Inc annual meeting May 3; Diane completed her fourth term on Board and Ray Dunn nominated to replace her.
- Ray Dunn, Mary O'Donnell, Diane Dangel and Pastor Brian registered for Synod Assembly June 3 & 4
- November 5, 2022 wedding for Sully Masat and Kennedy Fast approved
- Suggestion by our custodian to install bathroom hand blow dryers.
- Randy will check on the phone upgrades.
- If you miss some people, invite them back to worship.
- Working on installing new speakers
- W/ELCA work group booklets are completed
- New members will be received June 1 & 5 at worship
- OSL blood drive is May 23
- SD Synod Youth Gathering is July 25
- Last WOW classes/meal on May 11; will set a date for Vacation Bible School
- Baccalaureate May 15 with the choir singing and presentation of quilts to the graduating seniors
- lay people and Pastor David Peterson lead worship during Pastor's absences.
- Next meeting May 15, 2022 at 7 pm

CONGRATULATIONS 2022 GRADUATES

We ask God to bless you and guide you as you continue in the next part of your life's journey.

Kyle Roger Hamilton

Scott & Paula Hamilton
Attend SDSU, majoring in
Agricultural Science

WOW

It is hard to believe, but we are already winding up our year of WOW. We heard the Palm Sunday story and sang at worship. We learned about Jesus's resurrection with the story of The Empty Tomb. We finished up with stories about The Road to Emmaus and the early believers. We will be doing some fun activities to wrap up and celebrate the year on May 11th. Thanks to all who helped out and brought their children back to WOW this year!! THANK YOU TO:

Classroom Teachers: Staci Uzzle, Felicia

Ethridge, Sarah Gregg, Erin Betten,
Carissa Giblin, Amanda Evans

Crafts: Diann Brenner

Music: Mallory McMahan

Stories: Melissa Zastrow

Subs: Jenna Dawson, Kelsey Spotanske,
Dana Lewis, LeAnn Wasmoen, Caitlyn Hoots,
Michelle Binger

Christmas Program music assistant: Sarah Lutter

Aidyn Spotanske

John & Kelsey Spotanske
Attend Lake Area Tech
Major in Diesel Mechanics

Baccalaureate

These two graduates, members of OSL, will be honored at the 9 am worship service on May 15. They will be presented quilts at this special service. Congratulations and God's blessings on you futures.

BUS TRIP TOUR

A two day bus trip to tour the Lutheran World Relief facility and Global Health Ministries in the twin cities has been organized by our Conference W/ELCA for July 29 & 30. Friday evening will include a Riverboat Dinner Cruise. More information is on the table in the back of the Sanctuary (orange sheets). Everyone is welcome.

May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 9 am – Worship 10 am – Fellowship Pastor Vacation →	2	3 6:30 pm – Bethesda Annual Meeting, Zoom	4 4:40 pm – WOW Classes 5:30 pm - Supper 6 pm – Worship	5 7:30 am – Bible Study 11 am – Food Truck	6	7
8 9 am – Worship, Communion 10 am - Fellowship Pastor vacation →	9	10 1:00 am – Text Study	11 4:40 pm – WOW Classes 5:30 pm – Supper 6 pm – Worship, Communion	12 7:30 am – Bible Study 11:45 am – Senior Center Devotions 2 pm – Lakeside	13	14 2 pm – Graduation, Hitchcock-Tulare & Redfield
15 9 am – Worship, Baccalaureate Deacons deliver Communion 7 pm – Church Council Pastor Vacation →	16	17	18 1:30 pm -Love Circle No Worship	19 7:30 am – Bible Study	20	21
22 9 am – Worship, Hooligans 10 am - Fellowship Pastor vacation →	23 Blood Drive	24 1:00 am – Text Study	25 6 pm – Worship, Communion 6:35 pm – New Member Class	26 7:30 am – Bible Study	27	28
29 9 am – Worship, Communion Pastor's Vacation →	30 6:30 pm – New Member Class	31 1:00 am – Text Study				

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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

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Our Savior's Lutheran Staff

Brian Wasmoen, Pastor

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 the LYO group for leading the 7
am Sonrise service on Easter Sunday and for
providing breakfast between the services.**

Thank you so very much for your continued support to the Tri Co. Good Samaritan Center. You good folks have helped so many of our area needy with your generosity and faithfulness to this home mission. Thank you again dear friends. May the Lord bless you all. Sincerely, Co-Directors

Penny Ihnen Brown & Sherry Wurtz

Thank you for the throw that I received from the church. I appreciate you thinking of me.

Elsie Miller

Thank you to Linda Schroeder for organizing the afternoon and to all the volunteers that came to cleanup and trim the landscaping around the church building.

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

Weekly Offerings – April 2022

Operating - \$ 10,121.00

Lent - \$ 202.00

Maundy Thursday - \$ 178.00

Good Friday - \$ 288.00

Easter - \$ 850.00

World Hunger - \$ 25.00

VANCO – March 2022

Operating - \$ 9,485.75

Disaster Relief - \$ 10.00

Evangelism - \$ 10.00

Sanctuary - \$ 20.00

World Hunger - \$ 10.00

FAITHFUL READERS

The book club will meet in the OSL church library at 2 pm on June 16, 2022. We will discuss the book The Wedding Dress by Rachel Hauck. This book is available at the church library but may not be available at the city library.