

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

"Messenger"

May 2026

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

Blood Drive

Our Savior's will host a blood drive on May 19 in the Fellowship Hall. You can donate between 12 noon and 5:30 pm. The crew from LiveServe will be here to do the collection. LifeServe is currently the supplier of blood for our local hospital – Community Memorial. Your donation may be the one that saves a family member or a neighbor.

To schedule an appointment:

text lifeserve to 515.815.7242

call 800.287.4903

or visit lifeservebloodcenter.org

Remember – "Your Blood. Your Hospital. Your neighbors."

Usher Help

The office is currently looking for volunteers (*on an as needed basis*) to usher at funerals. If you are willing to volunteer, call or email the office and leave your name and your preferred telephone number and other information such as times you are not available. We currently have a very short list and have to rely on the same people each time.

Communication

Reminder – When a person is hospitalized either that person or an immediate family member needs to contact the church or Pastor Joy if they would like a visit and/or be listed in the Sunday bulletin. The privacy laws do not allow facility employees to do this without specific instructions from the immediate family. This also applies to nursing home residents.

Change of mailing address – Be sure to notify the church office if you move and wish to receive your newsletter. The post office does not return them until we pay the \$.78 to get the new address.

One project we hope to work on this summer is track down people that have left the area or have not had any contact with Our Savior's in the last several years, so we have an updated membership list. Do you have family members that you know have joined a church where they are now living, please give us their current address so we can contact them to update their status here and be sure their new congregation has their information. Many congregations are not notifying a previous church when they receive new members.

From the Pastor's Desk

[Martin Luther] took his son on his lap, and the child befouled him. Thereupon he said, "How our Lord God has to put up with many a murmur and stink from us, worse than a mother must endure from her child!" - Table Talk

Some things are true across the ages, like that babies will be babies and people will be people. Infants have little control or ability to express themselves clearly and calmly. Noise and mess are unavoidable realities. How much that must be true for God in dealing with us!

How much do we whine and complain? I suspect we haven't changed much since the time of the Israelites complaining about the water and the mana and the quail, only to later remember it as a golden time to which they would negatively compare their current times. So much of the writings of and about the prophets in the Bible involve people being angry and upset with them. Even with Jesus, people frequently wanted something more or something else. What do you hear if you turn on the news or chat with a neighbor? We have fussing, and murmuring, and complaining down to an art.

And oh, the awful messes we can make, how we can hurt those around us! So many marriages end in bitterness and rancor. So many families don't speak to each other. So many lives fall to addiction and despair. And what must God think of the never ending conflict in places like Gaza or the silence of a classroom of children

hiding from a gunman, or of waters so polluted they can poison those who drink from them? Our ability to make a mess is spectacular and far surpasses anything an infant can do.

And yet, despite all that, God still loves us, cares for us, and wishes for better for us. Instead of despairing or giving up on us, God loves us like a parent loves their child, with grace, with patience, and with a belief that the mess they see in front of them is not all the child is. Let us give thanks for the steadfast love of God. Let us seek to move from spiritual milk to solid foods. Let us learn to love our neighbor as ourselves. Let us grow in faith and wisdom, knowing that falls and messes happen, but that we rest secure in the arms of one who loves us.

Pastor Joy

OSL Church Council Summary

May 14, 2025

OSL Church Council met Wednesday, May 14, 2025. The April meeting secretary's minutes were approved and the April financial reports were accepted.

Discussions on phone system, the sound system, membership list, regularly updating our website, and some interest in changing the time of Sunday worship.

The 2025 SD Synod Assembly is May 30 and 31 in Sioux Falls with election of a Bishop; Kendra Northup and Mike Williams are our delegates and will attend with Pastor Joy.

Committee reports were given. The June council meeting will be Wednesday, June 18 at 5:15 pm.

Diane Dangel, Council Secretary

Children's Ministries

Our WOW program wrapped up in April with a pizza party and fun stations. A special thank you to our teachers and helpers that made our year a huge success!

We look forward to hosting GLOW VBS on May 27th. Please watch Facebook and our church website for further announcements and sign-up information.

Morgan Piehl, Children's ministry

YOUTH

Both Confirmation classes and Lutheran Youth Organization have met for the last time until fall. Watch for information about start up dates. Those that will be Confirmed this fall will receive more information later in the summer as you prepare for this big step.

Amanda Evans, Youth Ministries Chairperson

HELP NEEDED

We are still looking for volunteers to help with upkeep for both the parsonage plantings and the church property. Let the office or a church council member know if you would be willing to coordinate this or take the project on yourself.

LIBRARY

Our Savior's supports many different organizations both locally and world wide through the ELCA. Many of these groups provide us with written reports and stories though out the year telling how our donations have impacted those they serve. When these arrive they are placed on the table in the Library. You are encouraged to stop and spend a few minutes reading these reports.

THANK YOU

As we enjoy the updated Sanctuary project – from the first of the pews that were refinished to the completed carpet project and looking forward to having the screens mounted and working, we need to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone that has volunteered. Won't even try to list the names of everyone (*know we would forget someone*) but we need to say thank you to the chairmen of the Buildings and Grounds committee, Don Masat, who has spearheaded this huge project over the last several years. He has given countless hours of his time both doing much of the work, coordinating volunteers and I am sure always making plans to be sure the project goes smoothly.

Special thanks to the volunteers that put a fresh coat of paint on many walls before the carpet installation. The committee that picked out the new carpet – looks great. We know there are still areas that need attention, especially in the basement. The lights in the WOW classrooms have been upgraded, no more noise from the old lights to interrupt teaching. Will always find needs to update and make our facility user friendly and welcoming.

It definitely has taken a lot of volunteers to update our facility. Lastly we need to say thanks for all the CASH donations that made this all possible. So a huge THANK YOU to all those that have made the project a success.

May

<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 am – Worship 10 am – Fellowship Additions listed weekly					1	2
3	4	5 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	6 pm - Worship	7 7:30 am–Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time 11 am – Food Truck, Armory	8	9
10 Senior Recognition Mother’s Day	11	12 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	6 pm - Worship	14 7:30 am – Bible Study 1:30 – Love Circle	15 11:30 am- RAMA	16 2 pm-Redfield Graduation 2 pm-Northwestern Graduation
17 Deacons deliver Communion	18	19 12-5:30 PM, Blood Drive 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	20 5:15 pm- Church Council 6 pm - Worship	21 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time	22	23
24	25	26 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study OSL Deliver Meals	27 V B S 6 pm - Worship	28 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time Synod Assembly	29	30

May 2026

1 Ray Dunn
Jon & Karen Jacobs
Butch & Diane Odegaard
2
3 Austin Zastrow
Grayson Winter
4 Lennyn Peterson
Shawn Wik
5 Bryce Stephens
Lennyx Roach
6 Brent Hartman
7 Emalyn Lewis
Susan Larsen
8
9 Kari Schultz
10 Kathy Gunderson
11 Chloe Fast
12 John Doren
13 Jack Lewis
Melissa & Austin Zastrow
14 Melissa Becker
15
16
17
18
19 Mike Ratkovec
Camden Kocer
20 Garrett Masat
21
21 Rebecca Rohrbach
Debbie & Wayne Rose
Nicholas Becker
Nathan & Kayla Jessen

22 Rita Masat
Hope Hartman
Kinsey VanderWerff
23 Nathan Jessen
Amanda Evans
Cully Jessen
Sarah & Tommy Gregg
Kevin & Naomi Kocer
24 Anna Perez
25 Peggy Miller
Kelli Stroud
Roy Boots
26
27 Steve Gabriel
Layton Roach
28 Lane Schieffer
Kellie & Ken Blume
29 Addison Hulscher
Diane Dunkel
Brad Jessen
30 Travis Hansen
31 Diane Dangel

If there are errors or omissions to the list above, please contact the office so we can correct our records.

April 2026 Statistics

Deaths – Mavis Ellis, Karlene Stellmacher
There were no Baptisms, Marriages,
Transfers in or Transfers out.

Memorial Gifts

Carpet -

In memory of Mavis Ellis from Gene Stellmacher, Francelle Fuss, Vonnie Richter, Keith & Linda Schroeder, Darrel & Colleen Rohlfs, Verlyn Ellis, Gordon & Thordys Blume, Brad & Dawn Englund, Lois Halvorson, Doug & Diane Dangel, Peggy Miller, Ruth Jessen Alan & Diann Steinheuser Bob & Deb Stroud

In memory of Karlene Stellmacher from Francelle Fuss, Vonnie Richter, Keith & Linda Schroeder, Darrel & Colleen Rohlfs, Rick & Judy Wagner, Alan & Diann Steinheuser, Brad & Dawn Englund, Peggy Miller, Doug & Diane Dangel, Clark & Rosa Davie, Ruth Jessen, Gene Stellmacher family

Technology –

In memory of Mavis Ellis from Sonja Gabriel, Tim Odland,

In memory of Karlene Stellmacher from Doug & Sue Christensen, Gordon & Thordys Blume, Tim Odland

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

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

Gift from the WOW Teachers for Technology in Honor of Amanda Evans

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1514 E. 1st. Street
P O Box 16
Redfield, SD 57469

Non Profit Standard
US Postage Paid
Permit No. 33
Redfield, SD 57469

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The "Messenger" is published monthly at
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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

**"Through the grace of God we are
worshipping, sharing, growing."**

THANK YOU:

Mavis Ellis' families are grateful to the congregation for the support and expressions of sympathy. Verlie, Kevin, Kurt & Kerry

Thank you so much for setting up and serving the lunch for Karlene's funeral. We know that moving everything to an unfamiliar church probably added extra difficulty, but your group handled it flawlessly. We truly appreciate everything you did more than you know.

Thank you! Gene and Family

Thank you for thinking of me. I enjoyed the visiting and the sack of goodies you gave me. Gods Blessings on everyone. Inez Booze

Thank you for the sprig cheer basket. I really appreciate it. Gene Stellmacher

Thank you to those that delivered the meals for the Senior Nutrition program in April – Henry & Diane Dunkel, The Strouds and Gene Stellmacher.

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

Weekly Offerings – April 2026

Operating - \$ 8,756.50

Carpet - \$ 1,657.00

Technology - \$ 3,050.00

VANCO – March 2026

Operating - \$ 1,636.88

Sanctuary - \$ 20.00

FAITHFUL READERS

Faithful Readers Book Club will meet in the church Library on June 18 to discuss The Apple Orchard by Susan Wiggs. The book for August is The Bridge by Karen Kingsbury. Everyone that enjoys reading books is invited to join us.

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