

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

“Messenger”

June/July, 2021

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

**Endowment
Scholarships**

The Endowment Committee reminds our students in postsecondary school that the deadline for scholarship applications is July 1. All students in their second year (or beyond) of postsecondary school are eligible to apply. Return applications to Diane Dangel or the church office.

**Volunteers to assist with
worship and fellowship**

We hope that soon we will be able to function as we did in the past, but we need volunteers—acolytes, lectors, ushers, Communion helpers, sound and video crew—to assist with worship as well volunteers to provide food and assist with the coffee fellowship time after worship. Please sign up to help. There is sheet on the table in back of the sanctuary, or call the church office (472-2640) or email the office – secretary.osl@midconetwork.com, to volunteer.

Wednesday Worship:

We have now had Wednesday Worship twice at 6:00 pm. Please come as you are or bring a friend. We will not have Wednesday worship the days Pastor Brian is gone unless we have volunteers to lead worship.

Deacons and Holy Communion

Before the pandemic, we had faithful deacons who would take Communion to shut-ins on one Sunday each month. We are preparing to do so again. If you would like to serve as a deacon or if you are unable to worship at the church and would like Communion brought to you, let Pastor Brian know. We recognize that some may not feel comfortable going into homes yet and some may not feel comfortable yet with visitors coming into their homes, so we need to know who is ready to deliver and who is ready to receive.

Bible Camps 2021

Our Lutherans Outdoors camps—Klein, NeSoDak and Outlaw—are open this summer. We encourage our children and youth to attend, our older youth to serve as staff, and all of you to pray for them in this faith-growing experience. We don't yet have a list of all those who will be going to camp this summer but I do know that Elizabeth Fixsen is working at NeSoDak and Kinsey VanDerWerff will be a counselor-in-training at Klein for part of the summer. Blessings on our camps and on all those who will be growing at camp this summer.

Food Truck

The Feeding South Dakota Food Truck is expected at the armory in Redfield again on June 3 at 11:00 am. They now require people to show identification.

From the Pastor's Desk

Recently I re-read CS Lewis' book The Screwtape Letters, which purports to be correspondence from a senior demon to a rookie demon, teaching his apprentice how to pull people away from God and God's people.

I won't dig into the demon mentor's lessons, but I will suggest that we are all witnesses to "demons" at work in our church and our world. How does a demon undermine faith and lead people away from God? By teaching us to:

- Point out the suffering and sin in the world but not to mention the good things God has provided and the hopeful signs that God is with us.
- Spiritualize or just ignore the words of Jesus when they seem "too political" for us.
- Treat churches like businesses, measured by statistics—membership lists, weekly attendance, financial "bottom lines"—rather than measured by service to God.
- Condemn outsiders as "sinners" to be judged and separated, rather than loved and welcomed. Allow the world to believe that Christians stand in judgement of them.
- Encourage people to complain about the church and its leaders rather than step forward as volunteers to do what needs to be done to make the ministry better.
- Make teaching children a priority but treat adults as though they have nothing more to learn about God and what God says to them. (A wise man once told me, "Jesus played with the children and taught the adults, not the other way around.")
- Remind people of the nostalgic "good old days" when people were nicer and Church was better than it is today.
- Never congratulate or encourage people as you see them serving God faithfully, it will just "go to their head."
- Think of Church as a building rather than as disciples, gifted and sent into the world—to jobs, families, schools, clubs, hospitals and politics—where they do their real ministry.
- Use these phrases "We don't do it that way in our church" and "We tried that before and it didn't work" as excuses to avoid creative ministry.

- Preach about faith as God's gift but never mention that God cares how we live our lives, treat our neighbors, and make the world better by our actions and attitudes.

I am not big on demons, as literal beings, but I do see evidence of demonic powers at work in the world and in the church, in myself and in you, in the traditions of the church that prevent progress and in those outside the Church who have little interest in the Church and little reason to change their negative opinions of what the Church stands for.

On the other hand, I am big on God and on God's power to overcome these demonic forces, through the work of the Spirit, the work of the Church, and the efforts of each one of us as we "renounce the forces of evil" and trust in the power of God to lead us. Pastor Brian

Church Council Highlights May 16, 2021

- Karmen Weinzirl called the meeting to order
- Donna Crook led devotions
- Approved the council minutes from April 18, 2021
- No Treasurer's Report available—position in transition
- Pastor's report – 15 years at OSL; one funeral; one graveside; one baptism; honored six high school graduates; Wednesday worship begun; back to normal funerals and weddings and receptions.
- What are you hearing? Coffee fellowship is a hit!
- Synod Assembly—Pastor Brian, Ray Dunn, Dana Lewis and Diane Dangel
- Children's Ministries – VBS scheduled for August 14; WOW September 8; looking for volunteers
- Organ not working—experts advise it is not worth fixing; Worship Committee will discuss options
- Perspective members to be contacted about joining OSL
- Next meeting is Sunday, June 20 at 7:00 pm

Our Children's Ministry

will begin again with a **day of VBS on August 14**; then we plan to return to **weekly WOW beginning September 8**. We need volunteers to teach, to assist, to serve WOW meals, and more if we are to return to our pre-Covid model. Contact Caitlin Hoots to help with VBS and/or WOW.

Coupon Collection

Brenda Davis has taken over the coupon cutting job that her Aunt Irene previously did. If you have coupons for the box, bring to the box in the church kitchen. Military families appreciate the help these give them for their living expenses.

Blood Drives

We hosted the blood drive for the sixth time during the pandemic on May 24. Thanks to Dawn and Alane who chaired this event and to all who volunteered to donate blood as well as those who provided snacks. Thanks also to the crew from SDDC who helped move chairs and tables out of and back into the fellowship hall. The next Redfield Blood Drive will be sponsored by the men of the KCs at the St. Bernard Church Fellowship Hall on July 26.

Weddings on the Church Calendar:

Congrats and blessings to Nathan and Kayla (Understock) Jessen who were married here on May 21. And we extend blessings forward for the Covid-19-delayed wedding of Brooklyn Rohlfs and Nolan Peterson here on June 5 and the wedding of Garrett Masat and Bailey Miles on July 17 in Turton.

Women of the ELCA, OSL

Coffee Machine:

Some of us may have forgotten how to use the coffee machine during the pandemic so Kari Schultz is planning to hold some training sessions to remind us how to use it. Watch the bulletin for dates and times.

New Member Invitation

We had two families join our congregation during the pandemic and have other prospective members who are worshipping with us, so we would love to have an opportunity to welcome them into our congregation during our worship some Sunday or Wednesday. Let Pastor Brian know if you may be interested in membership or want further information. Call him at 450-5101 or the church office at 472-2640.

Organ not Working

We are aware now that our organ is not working and is not repairable. The worship committee will meet soon to discuss options.

Treasurer Position Transition

Lisa Lewis will finish her time as our treasurer at the end of May and President Karmen has assigned that responsibility to Dana Siefkes-Lewis. Please be patient with this transition as it requires two busy people to meet and pass the baton. This transition will also require an audit.

Baptism

Welcome to our newest member—Kennedi Mae Kraft—daughter of Jason and Kelly—who was baptized on May 15 with many family members present. With several births in recent months, we anticipate more days of such celebration in our congregation.

Family Crisis Center

Our local Crisis Center is run by Janelle Fortin and a dedicated Board. Janelle is available to talk to groups to share the mission and work of the Center.

They can always use donations of good usable furniture, appliances (esp. stoves, washers and dryers) utensils, Tupperware or other storage containers, dishes, towels, washcloths, toiletries, bedding and blankets, dishwasher detergent, cleaners, silverware, and holiday decorations. Janelle reports that "Items often are going out almost as fast as they are coming in." For more information, call Janelle at 605-472-0508.

June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	2 6 pm – Worship	3 7:30 am – Bible Study 10 am – Dean Call 11 am – Food Truck	4 5 pm - Wedding Rehearsal Synod Assembly	5 4 pm - Rohlfs/Peterson Wedding Zoom
6 9 am – Worship 10 am – Fellowship 3 pm – Eastern Star Worship	7	8 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	9 6 pm – Worship 2 pm - Lakeside	10 7:30 am – Bible Study 11:45 am – Senior Devotions	11	12
13 9 am – Worship 10 am – Fellowship 2 pm – Bridal Shower, Bailey Miles & Garrett Masat	14	15 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	16 6 pm –Worship	17 7:30 am – Bible Study 10 am – Dean Call 2 pm – Book Club	18 12 pm - RAMA	19
20 9 am – Worship 10 am - Fellowship 7 pm – Church Council	21	22 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	23 6 pm – Worship	24 7:30 am – Bible Study 11:45 am – Senior Devotions	25	26
27 9 am – Worship 10 am - Fellowship	28	29 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	30 2 pm - Lakeside			

2021

1 Naomi Kocer
Perry & Sandra Schmidt

2 Dawn Baird
Leyton Rohlfs

3 Mario Hansen
Rebecca Woodring
Gage Ratigan

4 Corbin Swanson

5 Kelli Stellmacher
Nyla Fixsen
Betty Cranston
Mikaela Schmitt
Brad & Dawn Englund

6 Timmy Odland
Kelsey & John Spotanske

7 Rosa Davis
Jason DeYoung

9 Bernice Rohrbach
Matt & Randi Jessen
Brenna & Jordan Hansen

10 Brenda Hochhalter
Mike Rogers

11 Leslie Blair

12 Alan Masat
Collin Dean
Clark & Rosa Davis
Tim & Vianne Masat

13 Dawn Englund
Chandler Hoots

14 Kerry Doren
Ryker Evans
Heather & Landon Roach

15 Riley Curtis
Joseph Woodring
Terry & Brenda Hansen

16 Alane Pochop
Randy & Carol Maddox

17 Kristina Jessen

17 Rebecca Stephens
Jeff & Sue Bankston

18 Keith Schroeder
Paige Robinson
Bob & Deb Stroud

19 Gene Stellmacher
Cody Pies

20 Jersey Morrison
Brian Wasmoen
Don & Rita Masat

22 Kari Simons
Robin Harty
Taelyn White
Keith & Linda Schroeder

23 Alan Maddox
Ruthie Croeni
John & Melissa Becker

24 Camryn Rohlfs
Keaton Rohlfs
Butch Odegaard
Matt Gjernes
Gary & Susan Schelske

25 Murphy Lewis
Ryon & Connie Bohl

26 Bob Brugger
Dawn Schmidt
Tate O'Daniel
Verlyn & Mavis Ellis
Doug & Sue Christensen

27 Pastor Brian & LeAnn Wasmoen

28 Herb Stellmacher
Michelle Binger
Brent Schelske
Phynlee Roach

28 Don & Sonja Gabriel

29

30 Stan Schultz
Spencer Evans

Memorial Gifts Received

Sanctuary/Pew Fund –

In memory off Jerry Hansen from Dave & Stacey Marlow, Keith & Linda Schroeder, Vonnie Richter, & Dick & Eileen Crawford

Undesignated -

In memory of Jerry Hansen from Henry & Diane Dunkel, Inez Booze, Alan & Diann Steinheuser, & Sharon Rezek

In memory of Hazel Anderson from Rebecca & Preetmohinder Sidhu

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

- Sanctuary
- Organ
- ELW hymnals
- Library Fund
- Endowment Fund
- Radio Broadcasts
- Technology

May 2021 Statistics

Baptism – Kennedi Mae Kraft

Death – Jerry Hansen

Marriage – Nathan Jessen & Kayla

Understock

There were no transfers in or 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.

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
Church Office – 472-2640
Parsonage – 472-2214
Pastor Brian Cell – 450-5101
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Our Savior's Lutheran Staff
Brian Wasmoen, Pastor
Thordys Blume, Secretary
Della Osborn, Custodian
Dana Lewis, Treasurer

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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THANK YOU:

Synod Assembly

Thanks to those who will attend the online **Synod Assembly** June 4-5—Dana Lewis, Ray Dunn, Diane Dangel and Pastor Brian. This meeting is essential for the function of our Synod and its decision-making.

A huge thank you to Lisa Lewis for her many years of service to Our Savior's as the treasurer. We pray for God's blessings as she pursues other endeavors. Thank you Lisa.

Thank you for supporting Lutherans Outdoors with a cash gift. We have hope that LOSD can once again provide a summer of safe and important programs We have new protocols to ensure safety of campers and we look forward to sharing the love and promises of God this summer.

Thank you for all the kind thoughts, cards and prayers at the time of my recent surgeries and hospitalization. I have sincerely appreciated the support of my church family, especially during this time. Thank you!
Carol Lund

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

Weekly Offerings – May 2021

Operating - \$ 11,050.95
Sanctuary - \$ 1,000.00
World Hunger - \$ 600.00

VANCO – April 2021

Operating - \$ 1,352.4
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 17 to discuss The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris. The book for August will be Educated by Tara Westover. Join us for discussion and fellowship. Questions - contact Linda Schroeder.