

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

***"Messenger"***

**June/July 2023**

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

**Call Update**

Greetings from the OSL call committee. We are happy to report that we had good meetings with Pastor Joy Proper when she was here at the end of April. She met with the call committee, church council members, and all from the congregation who were free on a Saturday morning. All shared a positive feeling about their interactions with Pastor Proper.

The committee recommended that the council bring her name forward for a congregational vote, and the council agreed to do so.

A congregational meeting was held on Sunday, May 21, after worship. Results of the vote were 51 in favor of offering a call and 0 opposed. The Church Council came up with an offer that was presented to her that Sunday afternoon. Pastor Joy has 30 days to respond to our offer.

Please keep her in your prayers as she considers if OSL is the right fit for her at this time!

**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP CANCELED**

The Church Council has decided to not offer the Wednesday evening worship during the summer because of low attendance.

**New Telephone Installation**

A new telephone system will be installed by Midco on June 8. The old equipment will be removed by Ray on the afternoon of June 7 to keep the cost of installation as low as possible. That means no phone service at the church until the new system is installed on June 8. We are not sure how long that will take and hopefully there are no problems with the installation. If you can not reach anyone at the church during this time just try later.

**Senior Center Meal Delivery**

Our Savior's is scheduled to deliver meals the week of June 12-16. We desperately need more people willing to help with this local mission. If you have never helped before and would like to volunteer, visit with Henry or Diane Dunkel. They are willing to explain the route and even have you ride along with them to familiarize you with the route and any special instructions to follow. The Dunkels have signed up to do 3 days but we need help on Thursday & Friday. Meals are well marked for delivery. It is a great service for our Senior Citizens that need a nutritious meal to keep healthy.

# Thoughts from Ray

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

It seemed like the winter lasted forever. I was constantly in a rigid state, always bracing for a shot of cold wind. It is exhausting to be on guard all the time. Your muscles tight and your head down ready for the next assault of wind and weather. It is hard to see the wonders of God in the starkness of the short South Dakota days.

Now it is spring and almost summer. The windows are finally open allowing clean fresh air to come in. You can step outside and feel the warm sun on your face. You can relax your muscles. Winter is not trying to attack you at every turn. I wake every morning to hear the birds singing. The squirrels play in the tree out my kitchen window. The trees are budding. The grass and flowers are growing. The world is awakening from its long sleep. It is ready to start anew.

As you go about your summer and you enjoy a slower pace, as you take your weekends for some time away, as you sit by the fire in your campgrounds and back yards, take a few moments to look around. See the sky and the stars, feel the sun, smell the flowers and the clean warm air, enjoy the freshness of the fallen rain, and remember this is all created by God.

How great is the God who gave all of this for us to enjoy. Take a deep breath. Let your worries drop away. Bow your head and say a prayer of thanks. Your God loves you. Our God takes care of us. Enjoy your summer. We have an awesome God. Amen.

## Church Council Summary: May 21

Council minutes from April meeting approved and treasurer's reports for the past month were accepted.

SD Synod Assembly is June 2 & 3 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. Delegates are Ray Dunn, Mary O'Donnell and Diane Dangel.

Ongoing phone upgrade with Midco.

Approval of Fellowship Hall lights being replaced and upgraded.

Approved policy that OSL does not allow for long term storage of non-church items. All requests go through the Council.

Approved a salary/compensation package to be offered to Pastor Joy Proper after the congregation's unanimous vote to approve extending a call to her.

Committee reports:

Children's Ministries – VBS date is May 24

Youth Ministries –

Worship – discussion on summer Wednesday worship with the very low attendance.

Buildings & Grounds – lawn weed issue

W/ELCA – discussion on the purchase of a portable ice machine

Welcome & Outreach –

Spiritual & Financial Gifts – OSL will host a blood drive with LifeServe May 23.

Next meeting is Sunday, June 18 at 10:00 am.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Diane Dangel, Council Secretary

## BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

**47 people were able to donate. Collected 54 units which will save or sustain up to 162 lives** □

**There were 6 new donors with LifeServe  
Thank You, Alane Pochop**



South Dakota Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Dear SD Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!

We are people of the Resurrection: "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1) What does that mean to you? What do you hear when you hear those words about being raised with Christ? What are the things above that we should set our hearts on?

As people of the Resurrection, we are people that walk wet, not because of the snow and rain we are having this Spring, but because of our baptismal promises. We continuously live in the tension of 'both and' as Lutherans. We are sinners and fall short of the glory of God. All. The. Time. AND we are saints, set free through the gift of Christ's resurrection to live a life free of fear. How would your life change if you would be completely set free of your fears? How would your congregation's climate and life change, if you would be set free of all fears?

As we gather in June for the SD Synod Assembly at Our Savior's in Sioux Falls, we will gather together as a rural synod, as a diverse people, with various stories from various contexts, but share one baptismal call. And together we will ask the resurrected Christ to accompany us as we cultivate the landscape of today's church with an eye on the future of ministry in the South Dakota Synod and the wider church.

Please, join us at the Assembly to hear keynote speakers that have been long term experts in rural ministry as well as be in community with your neighbor, who shares the land and the life as a member of the South Dakota Synod with you. Registration will open soon. Please watch for the weekly e-news announcement about Synod Assembly registration and future announcements about the Assembly. If you have not signed up for the weekly e-news you can do so on the synod's website [www.sdsynod.org](http://www.sdsynod.org). Scroll all the way to the bottom and there should be a sign up link in the bottom left hand corner. Thanks for journeying together in Christ.

Journeying in Christ with you,  
Rev. Constanze Hagmaier  
Bishop of the SD Synod

## Living Out the Pentecost Example

Beloved partners in Christ,

In the story of Pentecost, we are given a model for how evangelism and stewardship go hand in hand for Christians. In the midst of a festival, the Holy Spirit empowers the apostles to tell everyone about Jesus. People are able to hear the Gospel in their own language, so that they might know about the Good News. Then, when people hear about God's amazing work, they are filled with generosity toward their neighbors. They see the needs that are present for one another, and they even sell their possessions to take care of one another. Because of living this way, more people see what is happening, and want to join in.

Although times are quite different from the first Pentecost, we still follow this model for our work as the church. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we preach and proclaim the Good News, making sure that everyone hears. I think of places like Pueblo de Dios and Woyatan, where worship and prayer take place in Spanish and Lakota. We strive to live with generosity, sharing our blessings with one another, especially when there is great need. My mind goes to places like Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center and Church on the Street. Because of the work we do, people want to join the movement. First Lutheran African Ministry and Spirit of Hope come to mind [by the way, these ministries are part of our Neighbors in Solidarity network, and you can learn more about them at [sdsynod.org/neighbors](http://sdsynod.org/neighbors)].

We continue to live out the Pentecost example of evangelism and stewardship, as we proclaim Christ, serve one another, and others see the good work and want to be part of it. Thank you for your work and support across South Dakota, and I thank God for blessing us with the Holy Spirit to do this work together!

Rev Jonathan Steiner  
Director for Evangelical Mission and Associate to the Bishop for Stewardship & Outreach

“Sabbath time is time off the wheel ...” Wayne Muller writes in his book, *Sabbath*. “... Time when we take our hand from the plow and let God and the earth care for things, while we drink, if only for a few moments, from the fountain of rest and delight (p. 8).”

During the months of May, July, and August, I will be on Sabbatical. What is important to know is that the synod staff is committed to continuing the work we all are entrusted with, including candidacy, mobility, and rostered minister care. These ministries will not pause this summer; however, patience will be appreciated when the staff is down one person. I will be checking in with the Bishop and staff as needed, and will be at Synod Assembly June 2-3. I will be back in the office in the month of June when Bishop Hagmaier is in Germany.

More wisdom from Wayne Muller: “Sabbath is more than the absence of work; it is not just a day off, when we catch up on television or errands. It is the presence of something that arises when we consecrate a period of time to listen to what is most deeply beautiful, nourishing, or true. It is time consecrated with our attention, our mindfulness, honoring those quiet forces of grace or spirit that sustain and heal us (*Sabbath*, p. 8).”

May we all find time this summer to be filled, to breathe, to notice, to love, and receive the incredible blessings of God.

Rev. Renee Splichal Larson  
Associate to the Bishop for Candidacy,  
Congregation, and Rostered Minister  
Accompaniment

## **Spring...is It Ever Going to Come?**

If you are like me, this has been a very long and hard winter, as I travel around the synod going about my work the winter roads just made for some very interesting times. I know that churches struggle too, you want to have worship but is it safe and then there's the fact that without worship the offering plate is empty, except for online giving. This winter has just caused too many issues for us all. But then we see the first robin!! And once again we have hope that spring truly is just around the corner. So, we cling to that and wait.

I can relate this to my visits to congregations that are in transition, at times they too lose hope and by being able to walk with them and remind them that the synod does indeed care restores hope for them. If only we had more pastors! But that's where we all come in, I invite you to send anyone my way if you think they should take a closer look at the ministry. Maybe it is to just do more lay leadership in your congregation or maybe it's to explore what seminary looks like for them. Those are the conversations that truly give me so much joy. So, as we wait, sometimes not patiently, for spring and the greening of the pastures and yards and smell the freshly tilled soil we trust that Jesus is with us. And congregations in transition know too that you are not alone.

Blessings,  
Pastor Alan Blankenfeld  
Rural Ministry Liaison

# June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
9 am – Worship 10 am – Fellowship  <i>Additional Announcements listed weekly.</i>				<b>1</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study	<b>2</b>  Synod Assembly	<b>3</b>  Sioux Falls
<b>4</b> Holy Communion	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Phone removal	<b>8</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study  Phone installation	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Deliver	<b>13</b>  Meals ←	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study  2 pm – Faithful Readers	<b>16</b>  12:00 pm - Ministerial Association →	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Holy Communion Deacons- Home Communion 10 am – Church Council	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 1:30 pm – Love Circle	<b>22</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study	<b>30</b>	

# 2023

# July

<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> 9:00 am – Worship 10:00 Fellowship <b>Additions listed weekly</b>						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Holy Communion	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Office Closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

2023

## JUNE

1	Naomi Kocer Perry & Sandra Schmidt	18	Keith Schroeder Paige Robinson Bob & Deb Stroud
2	Leyton Rohlfs	19	Gene Stellmacher Cody Pies
3	Mario Hansen Rebecca Woodring Gage Ratigan	20	Jersey Morrison Brian Wasmoen Kayla Jessen Don & Rita Masat
4	Corbin Swanson	22	Robin Harty Taelyn White Keith & Linda Schroeder
5	Kelli Stellmacher Nyla Fixsen Betty Cranston Mikaela Schmitt Brad & Dawn Englund Brooklyn & Nolan Peterson	23	Alan Maddox Ruthie Croeni John & Melissa Becker
6	Timmy Odland Kelsey & John Spotanske	24	Camryn Rohlfs Keaton Rohlfs Butch Odegaard Matt Gjernes Gary & Susan Schelske
7	Rosa Davis Jason DeYoung	25	Murphy Lewis Ryon & Connie Bohl
9	Bernice Rohrbach Matt & Randi Jessen Brenna & Jordan Hansen	26	Bob Brugger Dawn Schmidt Tate O'Daniel Verlyn & Mavis Ellis Doug & Sue Christensen
10	Brenda Hochhalter Mike Rogers	27	Pastor Brian & LeAnn Wasmoen
11	Leslie Blair	28	Herb Stellmacher Michelle Binger Brent Schelske Phynlee Roach
12	Alan Masat Collin Dean Clark & Rosa Davis Tim & Vianne Masat	28	Don & Sonja Gabriel
13	Dawn Englund Chandler Hoots	29	
14	Kerry Doren Ryker Evans Heather & Landon Roach	30	Stan Schultz Spencer Evans
15	Riley Curtis Joseph Woodring Terry & Brenda Hansen		
16	Alane Pochop Randy & Carol Maddox		
17	Kristina Jessen Rebecca Stephens		
17	Jeff & Sue Bankston		

## Memorial Gifts Received

### Endowment –

In memory of Verna Ellenson from Vonnie Richter, Doug & Diane Dangekl

### Library –

In memory of Verna Ellenson from Butch & Diane Odegaard

### Sanctuary –

In memory of Verna Ellenson from Clark & Rosa Davis, Tim & Sheila Odland

In memory of George Larsen from Tim & Sheila Odland

In memory of Kathi Swanson from Tim & Sheila Odland

### Undesignated –

In memory of Verna Ellenson from Keith & Linda Schroeder, Carol Lund, Henry & Diane Dunkel, Gordon & Thordys Blume, Gene & Karlene Stellmacher, Inez Booze, Alan & Diann Steinheuser

In memory of Ed Stahl from Carol Lund

In memory of Kathi Swanson from Keith & Linda Schroeder, Clark & Rosa Davis, Darrel & Colleen Rohlfs, Alan & Diann Steinheuser

### Approved Memorial wish list includes:

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

## May 2023 Statistics

Baptism: Nolan Thomas Jessen

Deaths: Verna Ellenson,

Kathy Swanson

There were no transfers in or out, ,  
deaths or marriages.

# JULY

1 Cindy Brace  
Stetson Swanson  
Gary and Kim Markley  
2 Keegan Jessen  
3  
4 Dixie Jungwirth  
5 Gailand Fischer  
6 Lynn Brace  
Jason & Michelle Binger  
7 Jason Marlow  
Brayson Uzzle  
8  
9 Carol Lund  
10 Nellie Allen  
Malachi Zastrow  
11 Doug Christensen  
Jim Becker  
12 Michael Jessen  
Jhet Betten  
13 Lois Masat  
Jill Tomsha  
Hunter Binger  
Trevor Bohl  
Joseph & Sarah Lutter  
14 Marvin & Renee Olson  
15 Lennart Anderson  
Alex Doren  
16 Adam & Mallory McMahn

17 Darrel Jr. & Colleen Rohlfs  
Garrett & Bailey Masat  
Michelle Schmitt  
18  
19 Kyler Evans  
Braelan Marlow  
20 Ava McMahan  
21 Clayton Martchinske  
22  
23 Penny Swanson  
Jeff Carr  
24 Roslynn McLain  
25 Cory Jessen  
Vianne Masat  
26 Aimee Hilbrands  
Tyelynn Hochhalter  
27 Rebecca & Steve Woodring  
28 Kenneth & Penny Swanson  
29 Robert and Brenda Curtis  
30 Mallory McMahn  
Rayden Ratigan  
Michel and Betty Brink  
31 Larry Rezek

Notify office of additions and corrections

## Approved Memorial wish list includes:

- Tables of various sizes
- ELW hymnals
- Library Fund
- Endowment Fund
- Radio Broadcast Sponsors
- Sanctuary
- Technology

## June 2023 Statistics

These will be included in August



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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 – Sept. - May**

**WOW Kid's Classes (4 yr-6<sup>th</sup>) – 4:40 pm**

**WOW Supper – 5:30 pm**

**WOW Worship – 6 pm**

**Confirmation/Youth Groups – 6:35 pm**

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday: 9 am – 3 pm

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**Our Savior's Lutheran Staff**

Ray Dunn, SAM

Thordys Blume, Secretary

Della Osborn, Custodian

Dana Lewis, Treasurer

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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## **THANK YOU:**

Thank you is not enough for all that the Funeral Committee and Church has done to help with Mom's funeral. What a beautiful service that ran so smooth and a luncheon that was held because of all of you. Everything you helped with is greatly appreciated.

The Swanson Family

## **LOVE CIRCLE**

Love Circle meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm. We meet at church in the Fellowship Hall. We study the monthly Bible study that is in the Gather magazine. We also enjoy fellowship and always a delicious lunch & coffee. We would love to have more of our OSL members join us as we spend time learning from God's word.

## **CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –**

### **Weekly Offerings – May 2023**

Operating - \$ 8,386.00

St. Dysmas - \$ 145.00

### **VANCO – April 2022**

Operating - \$ 1,392.40

Sanctuary - \$ 20.00

## **FAITHFUL READERS**

The book club will meet in the OSL church library at 2 pm on June 15 to discuss Beneath the Bending Skies by Jane Kirkpatrick. The book for August will be Banished by Linda Byler. We welcome you to join us for discussion and fellowship.

## **SHOPPING CART**

**The Food Pantry has sent out an urgent request for food supplies. They have seen a huge increase in the number of families that they serve. Let's fill the cart.**