

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

***“Messenger”***

**July, 2020**

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

**Synod Worship**

On July 5, Pastor Brian and our worship leaders (except for Judd), will get a day of vacation as we will broadcast a Synod Staff-led worship including sermon and music and all. They are providing a bulletin that we will make some copies of as well as post on Facebook and our website so you can follow along with the worship. Judd is figuring out how to broadcast this both on Facebook and on the radio that morning at 9:00 am.

**Tech for the Future**

One of the things congregations are discovering is that it is good to broadcast our worship to the world. Our Savior's has done this for over 50 years through our radio broadcast and now also over Facebook. Yes, many are worshiping with us—members, neighbors, family members and people across the nation and a few in other countries.

We hope to continue this so we have created a plan for the needed equipment to be purchased and installed that will allow us to be ready for a post-pandemic future. We have applied for a grant but will also need to raise some Sanctuary Funds to improve the technology as part of this project too. Your donations are welcome.

**Doors Still Closed**

While some of our neighboring congregations are again worshiping (cautiously) in their buildings, our council has decided to follow CDC and State guidelines so will continue to worship as we have through radio and Facebook and not allow gatherings of more than ten people in our sanctuary for funerals, weddings or Sunday worship.

**Worship on Radio and Facebook—  
Holy Communion in the Parking Lot**

I am delighted again to thank those who are helping us to provide very good weekly worship opportunities both on the radio and on Facebook (live on 97.7 FM or on Facebook Live). Thanks to Dana Lewis, our accompanist; thanks to Mallory McMahan, our song leader; and thanks to Judd Wasmoen, our tech guy. Thanks to council and members who are supportive and encouraging. Thanks to those who have lectored—LeAnn W, Dana L, Diane D, Vonnie R, Kari S, and Deb S. We need lectors each week so contact Pastor or Diane Dangel if you can help.

**Holy Communion** was offered after the Pastor's Chat on Wednesday, June 24 (6:15-6:30 pm) and again 10:00-10:15 am on Sunday, June 28 (as of this writing, weather permitting) to people in cars driving through east to west in the parking lot (look for the garbage barrels.) The Worship Committee will evaluate this for July and decide how often to provide Communion in this manner or if other opportunities should be offered. You can call or message Diane or Pastor with your comments.

**Our Savior's Church Scholarships**

OSL Scholarship applications are due by July 1 so the Endowment Committee will hope to gather in July to award scholarships to these applicants. We wish you all God's blessings as you seek greater knowledge and understanding and use it to glorify our Lord.

# From the Pastor's Desk

## Grief and Pandemic

While I was still at the seminary, there was an announcement for a Workshop on Grief. We had already studied how to lead funeral worship and how to help people grieve in times of death, yet I decided to attend the workshop thinking it would be a good refresher course.

I was surprised when the teacher talked about a much larger picture of grief. We grieve, she said, whenever we feel a loss or something changes. For example:

- If someone steals your bike, you grieve not only the bike taken but grieve the loss of security you felt before someone came into your yard to take your property.
- When you move, you grieve friends and more generally the familiarity of things and places and people left behind.
- We are glad, of course, to watch our children grow older, yet we grieve losing the little ones who laughed so easily and trusted us so fully.
- In divorce, we grieve the death of a marriage but grieve also the many little things and the relationships that are affected by this drastic change of life.
- If your parent dies, you grieve both the loss of that beloved one and grieve that now you are the oldest generation in your family.
- We grieve the toys we break or the books we once loved or the movie that we cannot remember or the items we had to sell at auctions because we do not have room anymore.
- A child may spend an hour on the playground with a total stranger, then grieve the loss when that child leaves.
- We grieve the pie Aunt Jane always brought to the reunion, grieve the basketball team when we walk the boards at our old school, grieve the teacher or the friendship that changed our life.

Anytime we feel a loss, even though something good comes from it, we grieve that change.

It should not surprise us to hear that much of what we are experiencing in COVID-time is grief. We have lost jobs and financial stability, lost school and playdates, lost entertainment and sports, lost intimate gatherings and conversations, lost travels and eating out, lost haircuts and

swimming pools and a thousand things. Also we have lost larger things that we often take for granted—like the freedom to do whatever we want safely and the assurance that doctors and hospitals and medicines

can cure whatever ails you. And the hardest part is not knowing if or when we will find a cure and a vaccine and can get back some of what we lost—maybe.

In our grief, we ask God to fill us with the Spirit and remind us that God does hold the future and does hold us. Whatever else we lose, let us not lose that hope. Pastor Brian

## Church Council Highlights

June 21, 2020 via Zoom

- Call to order
- Devotions/Prayer
- Approved council minutes
- Accepted treasurer's report
- Pastor's report – active with delivering meals; providing Sunday worship and Wednesday chats; keeping in touch with Synod office and conference pastors. Celebrating 62 of life and 39 years of marriage this week.
- Positive responses to radio and Facebook worship but some hope we can get back to the church for worship.
- Sanctuary project – four pews are currently being refinished and soon we send the second load.
- Hour of Hope grant application submitted to improve our sound and video ministries.
- Approved honoraria for Mallory McMahan and Dana Lewis for their extra efforts for our Sunday worship.
- Considering becoming an internship site for a Kairos student.
- Worship plans – hard to be safe with in-person worship; will continue with Facebook and radio and will try "drive through" communion. Church building is closed for in-person worship, including funerals and weddings.
- Working on plans for some type of VBS this summer
- Need to address ash trees; also items in the shed sorted and sold
- Online webinar "Cultivating Generous Congregations"
- Next meeting is Sunday, July 19

# LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION

**Holy Week** our LYO youth will meet on Wednesday evening, April 8, at 6:35 pm to plan the Sunrise Worship and breakfast for Easter morning at 7:00 am.

**The National Youth Gathering** is scheduled for June 29-July 3, 2021 in Minneapolis. Seven of our youth have expressed interest in attending the Gathering. They will begin planning and fund-raising for this trip soon. Your first opportunity to give to support these youth will be when they and their families serve the Lent meal on March 4.

## Children's Ministry

WOW students will process with Palm Branches on Palm Sunday. They will also present special music during worship.

**First Communion** will be offered on Palm Sunday, April 5, to children in fifth grade and above who attend the Sacraments class on March 29 at 10:15 am. One or more parent should attend the class with your child.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Check out these suggested books to read in the church library.

**Children:** Easter story books displayed on the top shelf on north wall.

**Adults:** The Ultimate Gift and The Ultimate Life by Jim Stovall (These two books are easy reads, best if read in order. The stories challenge you to look and improve your attitude in life.)

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens (This book was recently discussed and enjoyed at Book Club. The book portrays survival, drama, romance and mystery.)

The Mountain Between Us by Charles Martin (An airplane crash in a mountain wilderness is a tale of survival. The book became a movie.)

## Lutheran Social Services

LSS will hold their annual dinner event on April 18 in Aberdeen at The Dakota Event Center. This event provides support for the mission of LSS. The Silent Auction begins at 5 pm, Dinner (\$15) and Program begins at 6 pm and the ACT Improv Troup (\$25) at 8 pm. Dinner & Show \$35. Reservations are necessary by April 10 to [Liesl.Hovel@LssSD.org](mailto:Liesl.Hovel@LssSD.org) or 605-26206301.

## LENT 2020

**Worship themes** for Wednesday Lenten services are Prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

**February 26\*:** Ash Wednesday - Forgive as Forgiven

**March 4:** Your Kingdom Come, Will Be Done

**March 11:** Give Us Our Daily Bread

**March 18:** Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed Name

**March 25\*:** Thine is the Glory

**April 1:** Rescue Us From Trial and Evil

**April 5\*:** Palm Sunday, WOW students sing

**April 8\*:** Maundy Thursday, Absolution

**April 9:** Good Friday

**April 11\*:** Easter (worship at 7 am & 9 am.)

\*Holy Communion on these days.

Designated Offerings have been approved for Lent and Easter. Offerings will be distributed to these causes:

Ash Wednesday - Lutheran World Relief

Wednesdays in Lent - ELCA Hunger/Ministerial Assn.

Maundy Thursday - Good Samaritan/Youth Center

Good Friday - Family Crisis Center/Lutherans Outdoors

Easter Sunday - Synod Partners/OSL Operating Fund

If you wish to give to Our Savior's Operating Fund or some other fund instead of these causes, please indicate that on the envelope when you give.

**Wednesday** evening Meals are being served by:

February 26 – O'Donnell and Schultz families

March 4 – National Youth Gathering families

March 11 – Relay for Life Team

March 18 – Wasmoens and friends

March 25 – OSL Church Council

April 1 – Swanson families

## PLEASE HELP!

Communication is a vital part of programs running smoothly. This is true of our church family as well as your own family. We know that many of you have opted to cancel your landline and only use cell phones now. When you do this **DON'T FORGET TO GIVE YOUR CHURCH YOUR NEW NUMBERS.** If you move, give us a change of address or if you will be gone for an extended time and your mail is held let us know. It saves the church money.

# March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Hunter Binger Peyton Hilbrands</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10:30 am – Pastor’s Text Study</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7:30 am – Bible Study 11 am – Food Truck</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Deacons deliver Communion  Cully Jessen Kolby VanDerWerff</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>1 pm – Quilts</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>10:30 am – Pastor’s Text Study</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:30 am – Bible Study 11:45 am – Senior Devotions</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>10:10 am – Choir practice, The Palms 5:30 pm – Church Council Amiya White Nicholas Becker</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7 pm - Joy/Peace Circle</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>10:30 am – Pastor’s Text Study</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>1:30 pm – Love Circle</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>7:30 am – Bible Study Pastor’s Conference</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>10 pm – Ministerial Association</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>10:10 am – Choir practice Cole Schroeder Katelyn Schroeder</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>1:00 pm - Quilts</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>10:30 am – Pastor’s Text Study</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>7:30 am – Bible Study</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>10:10 am – Choir practice 10:15 am – Sacraments Class Mikaela Schmitt Noah Johnson</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>10:30 am – Pastor’s Text Study</p>	<p><b>WOW Schedule</b> 4:40 pm – WOW Classes 5:30-6:20 pm – Supper 6:30 pm – Lent Worship</p>			
<p><b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b> 9:00 am – Worship 10:00 Fellowship Acolytes listed each week. <b>Additions listed weekly</b></p>						

2020

1 Cindy Brace  
Stetson Swanson  
Gary and Kim Markley  
2 Keegan Jessen  
3 Michelle Davis  
4 Dixie Jungwirth  
5 Gailand Fischer  
6 Lynn Brace  
Jason & Michelle Binger  
7 Jason Marlow  
Brayson Uzzle  
8  
9 Carol Lund  
10 Nellie Allen  
11 Donnie & Jennifer Joyce  
Doug Christensen  
Jim Becker  
12 Michael Jessen  
Jhet Betten  
13 Lois Masat  
Jill Schumacher  
Hunter Binger  
Trevor Bohl  
14 Marvin & Renee Olson  
15 Lennart Anderson  
Alex Doren  
16 Adam & Mallory McMahn  
17 Darrel Jr. & Colleen Rohlf  
Jennifer Bullough  
Michelle Schmitt

18  
19 Kyler Evans  
Braelan Marlow  
20 Ava McMahan  
21 Shane Jordan  
22  
23 Penny Swanson  
Jeff Carr  
24 Roslynn McLain  
25 Cory Jessen  
Vianne Masat  
26 Marlene Forgey  
Aimee Hilbrands  
Tyelynn Hochhalter  
27 Gerald and Angie Hansen  
Rebecca & Steve Woodring  
Marissa Marshall  
28 Kenneth & Penny Swanson  
29 Robert and Brenda Curtis  
30 Mallory McMahn  
Rayden Ratigan  
Michel and Betty Brink  
Emily & Wayne White  
31 Larry Rezek

## Memorial Gifts Received

### Sanctuary –

In memory of Jim Olsen and Elaine Buchholz  
from Kathy Olsen

In memory of Connie Hansen from Blake and  
Carla Olson

### Undesignated –

In memory of Connie Hansen from and Greg &  
Karen Schumacher

### Approved Memorial wish list includes:

- Tables of various sizes
- Organ
- ELW hymnals
- Library Fund
- Endowment Fund
- Radio Broadcast Sponsors
- Technology & Projection Equipment

## June 2020 Statistics

There were no baptisms, deaths, transfers  
in or transfers 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-7<sup>th</sup>) – 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  
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**Our Savior's Lutheran Staff**  
Brian Wasmoen, Pastor  
Thordys Blume, Secretary  
Della Osborn, Custodian  
Lisa Lewis, Treasurer

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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

## **THANK YOU:**

Thank you Dear Church Family for all the wonderful greetings for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & thinking of Rosa on her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday too! Clark & Rosa Davis  
**Thank you to Pam Schmidt and Diane & Henry Dunkel for delivering Senior Meals the week of June 8-12.**

Thank you to Henry & Diane Dunkel for donating instructional DVDs called "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible." We hope to offer a class sometime using this material.

**Thank you to Our Savior's Lutheran Church for your contributions to the Redfield Area Ministerial Association.**

Thank you for your donation from Good Friday to the Family Crisis Center. We were saving for improvements to be made to the shelter property to make it more accessible for victims staying here and for those leaving furniture donations or picking up as needed. Thank you for helping to make this become a reality in May – to better help those that come to us.

Janelle j. Fortin, Director

## **CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –**

### **Weekly Offerings – June 2020**

Operating - \$ 8,605.00  
Sanctuary Fund - \$ 850.00

### **VANCO – May 2020**

Operating - \$ 1,307.43  
Disaster Relief - \$ 10.00  
Evangelism - \$ 10.00  
World Hunger - \$ 10.00

## **FAITHFUL READERS**

Book club was scheduled for Thursday, June 18, but we will not be meeting since the church has not opened for group meetings yet. I hope you are still reading the books on our suggested reading list. August 20 we are scheduled to meet and discuss the book Educated by Tara Westover. Looking forward to the time when we can gather again. Linda Schroeder

**CHECK OUT THE NEW DISPLAY  
OF GREETING CARDS ON THE  
CARD RACK**