

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

“Messenger”

August, 2020

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

From the Pastor's Desk:
Are We Ready?

Since the pandemic came to America, we have not held in-person worship in the sanctuary of Our Savior's Church, Redfield. This has now lasted for over four months and, while some congregations have returned to gathering, other voices still suggest that group worship is one of the best ways to spread this disease.

Several months back I wrote an article warning that, when we want to return to worship safely, **“worship will not be the same.”** So I put it before you, members of the congregation, are we ready to gather again? In other words, are we willing to follow the guidelines for precautions necessary to gather safely? Our council and worship leaders have now set a tentative date to return to the sanctuary for worship—August 23, 2020—and we are making the necessary preparations to do so safely. But here is what we need from all members:

- Do not come if you are sick or fear getting sick.
- Wear a mask to protect yourself and those who gather with you.
- Pick up bulletins and leave offerings at the door as you enter.
- Spread out—we will aim to have only 30-40% capacity—60-80 people in worship—and you may sit only next to those you live with. Others need to sit 6 feet apart. Pews will be taped off to help us spread out.

- Don't touch or mingle—we will allow people into the sanctuary when doors are unlocked at 8:45 and we ask you to social distance before, during and after worship. Use hand sanitizer available.
- Expect that some things will be missing—no greeters, no hymn books, no group singing, no children's bags or Kidtime, no liturgical responses, and no fellowship time. We will listen to the pastor, worship leaders and music. You may whisper prayers and hum along with the music.
- Understand that the pastor will not interact personally with you, except as you are ushered out and receive Holy Communion in the narthex as you leave.
- Again social distance outside the building if you choose to linger.

Are we ready for worship? Ready to follow these guidelines to keep people safe? Please let me or council members know if you are ready. If so, we may see you here on August 23.

Pastor Brian

Church Council Highlights

July 19, 2020

- Call to order – Karmen Weinzirl
- Prayer – Pastor
- Approved the council minutes and accepted treasurer's report
- Pastor Brian's report - delivering meals; continuing Sunday Facebook/radio worship and Wednesday chats; Synod and Conference Dean calls; KC blood drive in our Fellowship Hall; will preside at Lewis wedding outdoors September 5; some pressure to begin in-person worship
- Still sound issues with radio broadcast
- OSL received \$1100 grant from the Hour of Hope Foundation for media outreach ministries but the bid for the sanctuary sound/video upgrade is over \$15,000. A person said he could save us money if we did the labor ourselves but his solution was more of a temporary one. Judd will continue to research and order the equipment we need. We will contract with Judd for time spent.
- After an in-depth discussion regarding in-person worship and keeping people safe, council decided to continue as we are with Facebook and radio and some drive-through Communion options. We have had limited participation with Communion offered. We will not host funerals or weddings during this time.
- Synod request to be an internship site starting January
- Parsonage refrigerator replaced; no word about pews returning yet
- Next meeting is Sunday, August 16 at 5:30 pm

Worship Notes

Worship on Facebook and Radio at 97.7 FM Sundays will continue and we thank Judd for his work addressing our sound and video broadcasts. There have been some problems with these broadcasts related to our internet connection and other technical challenges. We are working to improve these and prepare for the future outreach of our message as well.

Our Worship Music has been greatly enhanced by the efforts of Dana Lewis and Mallory McMahan, our song leader. Please thank them for their special efforts in Covid-time. We thank Diann Steinheuser and Carol Lund who have also supplied recorded preludes. And thanks to those who have signed up to lector on Sundays, reading the scriptures for our worship. Please contact Pastor or the office or worship chair Diane Dangel to volunteer.

Drive-through Communion is scheduled for August 2 after worship (roughly 10:10-10:25) and Wednesday, August 5, from 6:15-6:30. Thanks to those who assist with this.

No Fall plans have yet been made for return to FINK, to WOW Wednesdays, to Circle or Thursday morning Bible Studies.

Confirmation Sunday has been tentatively set for October 11, but nothing is certain these days. Nothing but the love of God for us seems certain!

LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION

The National Youth Gathering that was scheduled for next summer (2021) has been moved to 2022. The new dates will be July 24-28, 2022. If you have questions contact Tonya Odland or Pastor Brian.

Pew Progress

When you read this the first four pews sent to Pheasantland Industries will be returned to us “brand-new” and on display in our sanctuary. The first four have the in-laid cross on the ends that has been hidden under the blue for too long. Don Masat, Alan Masat and Drew Masat have been the muscle loading this furniture and Jim and Verna Ellenson have invested time, effort and fuel to deliver and bring them home. The next six have been sent down—these are the “even-numbered ones” that do not have crosses on the ends.

When we know the rough cost of each pew, we will invite you to donate to sponsor-a-pew or two if you are able.

July 31 update: the first four refinished pews have returned. See them on Facebook or stop by the church. The pews will now be put back straight (not slanted) as decided at the Annual Meeting.

Good Samaritan Center

The Center is open to helping people with their food needs so are accepting donations of food items. Place your gifts into the shopping cart in the back of the sanctuary and Henry and Diane Dunkel will deliver to the Center. **The food truck** will be here August 20 at 11:00 am.

Tech Work

Much of the old tech equipment (*outdated and not useable*) has been sorted and discarded and now Judd has a plan to improve the current system of sound and video that will serve into the future. If you would like to contribute to this tech work, please label your donation or memorial gift for “Tech Project” and it will be used as requested.

If you have talent for setting up such systems, contact Pastor Brian or Judd Wasmoen to volunteer your help.

Scholarships Awarded

The Endowment Committee announces that all six applicants for Our Savior’s Scholarships were deemed eligible and deserving and each were granted scholarships for \$200 per semester for the up-coming 2020-2021 school year. Recipients include April Hamilton, Grant Hamilton, Alan Masat, Drew Masat, Nicolette Schmidt and Brooklyn Rohlf. The scholarship fund will disperse \$2400 for these awards.

The other portion of our Endowment Fund offers money to support increased ministry. There is \$3400 of that fund earmarked to be given to those who present formal requests for the money in 2020. If you wish to request money for this purpose, obtain a form from the office or Diane Dangel.

August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2 9 am – Worship, Radio and Online Parking lot Communion	3	4 10:30 am – Text Study	5 3:30 pm – Synod Call 6 pm – Pastor Chat Parking lot Communion	6 10 am – Dean Call	7	8
9 9 am – Worship, Radio and Online	10	11 10:30 am – Text Study	12 6 pm – Pastor Chat	13 10 am – Dean Call	14	15
16 9 am – Worship, Radio and Online 5:30 pm – Church Council	17	18 10:30 am – Text Study	19 3:30 pm – Synod Call 6 pm – Pastor Chat	20 10 am – Dean Call	21	22
23 9 am – Worship ?	24	25 10:30 am – Text Study	26 6 pm – Pastor Chat	27 10 am – Dean Call	28	29
30 9 am – Worship ?	31					

2020

1 Erika Roeber
Kevin Kocer

2

3 Mary Jessen
Aidyn Spotanske

4 Jordan Hansen

5 Emily Hoekman
Amanda & Dominic Evans
Chace Odland

6 Kayla Hochhalter
Darin & Jessica DeYoung

7 Marlene Brugger
Darin DeYoung

8 Eric Baird
Kyle Hamilton
David & Mary Jessen
Ken & Marlene Forgey

9 Diann Steinheuser

10 Shad & Melissa Storley

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12 Gordon & Thordys Blume

13 Cole Schroeder
Tynan Anderson

14 Sandra Blume

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16 Perry Schmidt
Larry & Rita Price

17 Melva Miller
Reilly Schmitt

18 Francelle Fuss
Jim Ellenson
Ellen Kay Marshall
Spencer Lewis
Colton & Colette Taylor

19 Maybelle Rabuck

20 Marlowe Kocer

21 Clark Davis

22 Kelsey Spotanske

23 Terry Hansen
Scott Roeber
Staci Uzzle
Allen & Sharon Mohr

24 Judd Wasmoen

25 Shane Croeni

26 Gary Schelske
Les Helm
Landon Roach
Doug & Diane Dangel

27 David Jessen

28 Dick & Eileen Crawford

29 Sue Christensen
Sloane Kelly
John 'Bud' Christman

30 Clark & Diane Roeber

31 Dan Booze

Please notify the office of corrections and omissions so our records can be updated.

Gifts - Memorial & Honor

Undesignated:

In memory of Martha Anderson Hawkinson from Ruth Jessen

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

- Tables of various sizes
- Additional portable microphones
- ELW hymnals
- Library Fund
- Endowment Fund
- Radio Broadcast Sponsors
- Organ Fund
- Sanctuary
- Technology Equipment

June/July 2020 Statistics

There were no baptisms, deaths, marriages, 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-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

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Our Savior's Lutheran Staff

Brian Wasmoen, Pastor

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Della Osborn, Custodian

Lisa Lewis, Treasurer

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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THANK YOU:

Dear Friends: Thank you so much for the wonderful donation of Food to our Food Pantry here in Redfield! You folks are so supportive of us over the years! We thank you! May God Bless you!!!

Sincerely, Penny Ihnen, Sherry Wurtz, Co-Directors

Manufacturer's Coupons

Remember to bring your unused coupon fliers to the church kitchen. These coupons are used by our military families that are stationed overseas. They can use them for up to 6 months after their expiration date. You **DO NOT** need to cut them out as someone has volunteered to do that. A shipment will be sent soon.

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY – Weekly Offerings – August 2020

Operating - \$ 8,250.00

Sanctuary - \$ 300.00

Sound System - \$ 25.00

World Hunger - \$ 180.00

VANCO – July 2020

Operating - \$ 1,522.44

Disaster Relief - \$ 10.00

Evangelism - \$ 10.00

World Hunger - \$ 10.00

FAITHFUL READERS

For updates on the book club schedule, check with Linda Schroeder.