

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

“Messenger”

August 2023

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

Information Needed

We continue to find cell phone numbers and email addresses that are not available in the computer. Send these to:

secretary.osl@midconetwork.com

I promise to make paper copies of all this before we do another upgrade or computer change.

Travel Getaways

Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota presents adult travel events this fall/winter. A fall Lake Superior trip September 9-13, 2023 and Christmas in Branson November 13-17, 2023. View the full trip itineraries at losd.org/adult-travel also pricing and details. Limited spaces are available. Register by contacting 605-274-5326.

DONATIONS to ELCA

Ever wonder where or what does a donation to World Hunger, World Relief or Disaster Response go or do? There is a large poster in the Fellowship Hall that shows where the different Kits & quilts were sent in the last fiscal year. Check it out.

One World Hunger example is providing laying hens, a coop and instructions to a family so they have a source of protein and extra eggs to sell to provide income for living expenses and being able to provide education for their children.

Disaster Response provides immediate needs – clothing, food, shelter & other necessities, as well as being there long term to rebuild and repair infrastructure and provide help for ag needs and employment opportunities. Our donations go a long way for people in need world wide.

WOW Startup

Worship on Wednesday will be here before we know it! We are looking for people to help prepare, serve, and clean up on Wednesdays. We serve a light supper each Wednesday evening beginning at 5:30 pm following classes so families and others can remain for our shortened Worship Service at 6:00 pm.

We are also in need of desserts (store bought gets eaten just as quickly as homemade), ground beef, cream soups (celery, mushroom, onion), big bags of shredded cheese, tator tots/french fries, and disposable pans (deeper dish square and 9x13 inch).

We will be sending out a sign-up sheet every week for volunteers. Please consider this very important part of our Wednesday evening youth education program.

FALL BEGINNINGS

Installation for Pastor Joy will be September 17 at 9 am.

Affirmation of Baptism is scheduled for October 29. Students will receive information to get ready for this milestone in their lives from Pastor Joy.

Wednesday activities will resume on September 6. See article on page 3.

Many volunteers are needed. Check out the needs and find an area you can help with.

From the Pastor's Desk

As I write this, my dog has been chasing a fly for three hours. (Yes really, I mentioned it in a family text shortly after she started and it now serves as a time stamp.) You can rightly infer from this that a) your pastor is having a VERY quiet evening in and that b) her dog has considerable tenacity (though her dog's cataracts are not helping with her accuracy). At this point, I'm not sure if Veda will succeed in pouncing upon the fly or if she'll catch it when it dies of old age. But whatever happens, she is certainly focused in her pursuit of it. That focus is not a new feature, even if the length of her hunt is. I long ago learned to keep food, drinks, table lamps, and vases full of water out of Veda's way when she is in hot pursuit.

I mention this not just because it is this evening's entertainment, but because it keeps bringing to mind an incident at Martin Luther's dinner table (from the aptly named "Table Talk" compiled by his students and colleagues):

When Luther's puppy happened to be at the table, looking for a morsel from his master, and watching with open mouth and motionless eyes, he (Martin Luther) said, "Oh, if I could only pray the way this dog watches the meat! All his thoughts are concentrated on the piece of meat. Otherwise he has no thought, wish, or hope."

And it's true, when it comes to God, our attention tends to be divided and it tends to wander. In prayer, God competes with if we've put the clothes in the dryer, what to make for dinner, scheduling the kids' activities, work issues, when the game starts, what so and so said, chores yet to be completed, and a million other things. Rarely does God get our truly undivided attention.

If you asked us, most of us would say that God is more important to us than whether or not we've put a particular load of laundry in the dryer yet, but you sure wouldn't know it to look at our brains! And it's not a bad thing that our brains can note if our neighbor's house is on fire, even if we are in prayer.

But it does bring a question to mind. What would it be like if we focused on God? If we put our whole selves into our prayers? What if we paid attention to God in the world around us the way we pay attention to our bills? What would it be like if we sought God the way a dog can seek meat or a fly?

Pastor Joy Proper

Church Council notes:

July 16, 2023 Council Summary:

We extend our thanks to Ray Dunn for serving as our SAM in our transition time.

The Fellowship Hall will be used for an upcoming Girl Scout activity and a bridal shower.

Ray Dunn gave a report from Synod Assembly in June. The theme was Rural Ministry. There is expected to be a pastor shortage so the synod will be working on ways to work through this situation.

Many of our ash trees have been cut down. Stumps will be ground out and wood chips hauled away in the coming weeks.

Vacation Bible School was a hit this year. We had 50 children, mostly from OSL and UCC here in Redfield. It was a good partnership with many volunteers from each church. We will be starting WOW up in September.

Welcome and Outreach will be working on updating our membership list. We know there are people who have moved away and would like to get that more accurate.

Next meeting is August 20, 2023 at 10:15 am.

Melissa Zastrow, acting secretary

Children's Ministry

Back to school means back to WOW at Our Savior's. **WOW will start back up on September 6th!** The education portion of the evening runs from 4:40 to 5:30. We will meet in the sanctuary the first week to do a little organization. Kids will be ready to be picked up in their rooms at 5:30. All classrooms are in the basement. New to OSL and WOW? just ask someone wandering around, and they will help you find where you need to go!

WOW Registration. Please scan the code or go to the link (on OSL facebook page) to register your child(ren) for WOW. WOW is open to children who are 4 by September 1 of this year through grade 6.

Link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/fall2023osl>



QR Code:

Help needed!! As we get ready to kick off our year of learning, we will need some help. We would like 6-7 classrooms with 2 adults each, a crafts person (filled!), a music person (filled!), and a person to share the Bible story each week. Our ideal would be 15-17 adults helping with WOW. We know this is a sacrifice timewise. Could you ask to leave work a bit early on Wednesdays? Could you run errands at a different time? Can you shift your weekly structure a bit? We know that not everyone is able to help, but we must have more people to maintain or grow our program. PLEASE consider helping out. If you aren't comfortable being in charge of a classroom, we can still utilize your skills! Helpful students in grades 7-12 are also welcome to volunteer. Contact Erin Betten, Diann Brenner, Amanda Evans, Sarah Gregg, Mallory McMahan, or Melissa Zastrow with any questions or to volunteer.

Lost and Found: A box of very nice carpet squares has been in the WOW office for a few months. If they are yours, please come take them! They are in the back of the church. ☐ If you know who they belong to, please let them know they are here. They are quite nice, and we'd like to be sure they are returned to their owner. If not, at some point, we will be happy to donate them to someone who will put them to use. Thanks

Endowment Scholarship

Our Saviors Lutheran Church will award scholarships for undergraduate and graduate programs at ELCA colleges and universities, theological schools, as well as non-ELCA colleges, universities and/or vocational schools to qualifying OSL members from the OSL Endowment Fund. *(Cont. next column)*

This scholarship is open to any college student entering his/her sophomore, junior or senior year in college or graduate school level. It is also open to any student who has academically completed one full year at any one of the eligible schools and is considered to be entering, at the minimum, their second full year of higher education.

To be considered, **applications must be submitted by August 23, 2023** to Our Saviors Lutheran, PO Box 16, Redfield SD 57469 or by email to ddangel13@msn.com.

Application procedure:

The application will be your own design and must include:

- Applicant's name, complete address, phone number and email address
- Date of birth
- Parent/guardian(s) name and address
- Name of high school and graduation date
- Name of college, university, theological or technical school you are attending and your status in college for the fall of 2023. (Freshman*, sophomore, junior, senior, graduate). *If you will be classified as a freshman for the upcoming academic school year, please list other school(s) you have attended, for what periods of time, and number of credit hours earned.
- Verification of your grade point average by attaching copies of your current grade transcript or honor roll listing. Applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher based on a 4.0 scale.
- What church or campus ministry do you currently attend while in school? In what ways are you active in the ministry there?
- Include a brief statement regarding your career goals and why you feel you would be a worthy recipient of an OSL scholarship.

No candidate shall be denied being a recipient of an OSL scholarship on the basis of race, creed, sex or national origin.

Please sign and date the application.

Scholarship Award

The OSL Endowment Committee will review all of the applications after the August 23 deadline date.

Scholarship funds awarded to the applicant will be sent directly to the recipient with half payable in August and the remaining half in December.

Thank you for your interest. Should you have any questions, please contact Diane Dangel (472-1942) or by email (ddangel13@msn.com).

Women of the ELCA, OSL
Spiritual & Financial

August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Regular Sunday Schedule 9:00 am – Worship 10:00 Fellowship Additions listed weekly		1 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	2	3 7:30 am – Bible Study 11 am – Food Truck	4	5
6 Holy Communion	7	8 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	9	10 7:30 am – Bible Study	11	12
13	14 Tulare – School Starts	15 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	16 1:30 pm – Love Circle	17 7:30 am – Bible Study 2 pm – Book Club	18 12 pm - RAMA	19
20 Holy Communion Deacons Deliver Communion 10:15 am – Church Council	21 Doland – School Starts	22 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	23 Redfield – School Starts	24 7:30 am – Bible Study	25	26
27 Nursing Home Worship – 2:15 pm – Avantara 3:00 pm – Eastern Star	28	29 Northwestern Area – School Starts	30	31 7:30 am – Bible Study		
			WOW - September 6th Classes: 4:40 pm Supper: 5:30 pm Worship: 6:00 pm Confirmation & Youth Groups: 6:35 pm			

2023

1 Erika Frank
Kevin Kocer

2

3 Aidyn Spotanske

4 Jordan Hansen

5 Emily Hoekman
Amanda & Dominic Evans
Chace Odland
Hoytt Curtis

6 Kayla Hochhalter
Darin & Jessica DeYoung

7 Marlene Brugger
Darin DeYoung

8 Eric Baird
Kyle Hamilton

9 Diann Steinheuser

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12 Gordon & Thordys Blume

13 Cole Schroeder
Tynan Anderson

14 Sandra Blume

15

16 Perry Schmidt
Micah Zastrow
Larry & Rita Price

17 Reilly Schmitt
Slade Swanson

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

19

20 Marlowe Kocer

21 Clark Davis

22 Kelsey Spotanske

23 Terry Hansen
Scott Roeber
Staci Uzzle
Allen & Sharon Mohr

24

25 Shane Croeni
Jeff Klebsch

26 Gary Schelske
Les Helm
Landon Roach
Doug & Diane Dangel

27 David Jessen

28

29 Sue Christensen
Sloane Kelly

30 Clark & Diane Roeber

31 Dan Booze

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

Gifts - Memorial & Honor

In memory of Kathy Swanson

Undesignated: Ruth Jessen, Wesley Swanson, Don & Sonja Gabriel, Clark & Diane Roeber, Michel & Betty Brink, Steve & Caroline Masat, Derrick & Karen Walz

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

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

June/July 2023 Statistics

Deaths: Lonnie Scriver, Harry Fischer

There were no baptisms, 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.

Also on Facebook

Wednesday

WOW Kid's Classes (4 yr-6th) – 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

Church Office – 472-2640

Pastor Joy Proper Cell – 541-255-8455

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Our Savior's Lutheran Staff

Joy Proper, Pastor

Thordys Blume, Secretary

Della Osborn, Custodian

Dana Lewis, Treasurer

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**"Through the grace of God we are
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THANK YOU:

**Thank you to those that delivered meals for
the Senior Center in June: Henry & Diane
Dunkel, Gene Stellmacher and Thordys
Blume.**

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church:
WOW! What a blessing your donation of
groceries was to the Good Samaritan Center
Food Pantry. The children will enjoy the fruit
yogurt and the pop tarts! Of course the cereal
and mac & cheese are always good too. Thank
you too for all the hotdogs. We greatly
appreciate your church for your generosity and
faithfulness to this home mission. Thank you
dear friends. May the Lord bless you all.
Sincerely, Penny Ihnen Brown & Sherry Wurtz
Co-Directors

**Thank you to Wade Schwartz, the Englund
family and Zastrow family. They kept the
flowers in the planters watered during the
heat of July.**

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

Weekly Offerings – July 2023

Operating - \$ 10,368.00

VANCO – June 2023

Operating - \$ 1,436.02

Sanctuary - \$ 20.00

FAITHFUL READERS

The book club will meet in the OSL
church library at 2 pm on August 17to
discuss Banished by Linda Byler The book
for October will be To Love Anew by
Bonnie Leon. We welcome you to join us
for discussion and fellowship.

WOW–September 6

Classes – 4:40 pm

Supper – 5:30 pm

Worship – 6:00 pm

Confirmation/Youth Groups 6:35 pm