

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

***"Messenger"***

**September, 2020**

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

## **Endowment Committee**

The Endowment Committee met recently and re-elected Verna Ellenson as the chairperson. The committee reviewed the 2019 calendar year finances and designated \$2400 for college scholarships and \$3400 for grants to further the mission of Our Saviors.

Six college scholarship applications were received and approved in the amount of \$200 per semester. The students are April Hamilton (SDSU senior), Grant Hamilton (SDSU sophomore), Alan Masat (SDSU senior), Drew Masat (SDSU sophomore), Brooklyn Rohlfs (USD masters) and Nicolette Schmidt (Augustana senior). Nicolette will receive matching money from Augustana through their PACT grant (Parish and College Together).

So if you have an idea for how we can further our mission or expand our ministry, apply for a grant. Grant applications are available from the church office or Diane Dangel.

## **Sponsor-a-Pew**

Some of you have already begun to make contributions and give memorials to our Sanctuary Fund and that has made it possible to begin the refinishing of the pews and to dream about improvements to the flooring, the sound and video system, and more. Now that we have paid the bill for the first four pews, we know that it will cost roughly \$200 per pew to refinish them. So we invite anyone who is able to sponsor a pew for \$200 or to contribute any amount you can to support this work.

## **Worship In-Person or on Facebook and Radio** at 97.7 FM Sundays

We have returned to the sanctuary using the guidelines below to keep us safe. So we again need volunteers to lector, to assist with Communion and to usher people out. Let Pastor or Diane Dangel know if you wish to assist. We also have our sound tech folks returning to the booth and we thank them for this thankless service over the years. We will continue to have Mallory and Dana record the hymns and the congregation (behind masks) may sing along and join in the liturgy.

**Funerals and Weddings** - At this point we are still not hosting funerals or weddings in the church unless we severely limit the number of attendees or have the event outside and spread out. We do have the Lewis-Renneke wedding on September 6 as an outdoor event. Pastor will not participate in the indoor reception to follow.

### **Worship Guidelines**

If you are sick or concerned about getting sick, please stay home and listen to the radio or watch us on Facebook.

- Doors open at 8:45 am.
- Baskets at doors to receive offerings, pick up bulletins and get masks if needed.
- Please no contact before, during or after worship.
- Wear masks during worship.
- Sit only in groups that live together.
- Sit in pews that are not roped off.
- You may respond to litanies and sing along while you wear the masks.
- Communion will be offered as you are ushered out of the building, without contact, in the north east entrance.

**Holy Communion** - We are distributing Holy Communion for those worshiping in the church but will try to find other ways to accommodate the needs of those who cannot join us. Call the office if you wish to receive Communion and we will find a way to do so.

# From the Pastor's Desk

## Harvest Time

I know harvest is upon us. As usual, one of the first signs I see is Thordys carrying bags and buckets full of vegetables into the church to share the bounty of her garden with me and her church family (stop by the sacristy next to the pastor's office and take what you can use from the pop cooler).

I am the grandchild of people who tilled the soil as a way both to provide for themselves and to share food with the world. My mother grew up on a farm and my father spent his summers doing farm work with his cousins. They knew the hard work required and they tell stories of the joys and dangers of that farm life. My mother's family lost the family farm when the Depression stole from them the product of their sweat and their blood, the source of their pride and their worries. After that, my grandparents never had much money, but their home was overflowing with the love a child craves and reminders that the source of love is God. Dad bought pigs for a living and my parents raised their kids in small towns with farmers as our friends. Throughout my ministry I have continued to serve God with small town and farm folks.

In this pandemic time we argue over who are essential workers and, while I still understand embarrassingly little about the actual work of farming and ranching, I have first hand experience of how essential the work of providing food is for all of us who want to eat. For that, we thank God and those who farm and ranch on God's good earth.

For several years now the Feeding South Dakota truck has come to Redfield about every six weeks full of food for those in need. In this pandemic time the deliveries have continued but the boxes of food are now labelled "Farms to Families" program. I find this both wonderful and humorous, for surely most of the food we have always depended upon came farm to family. Maybe the label is a reminder lest we forget.

As our neighbors tackle another harvest season, a hectic and dangerous time, let us pray for their safety and their success at providing the harvest we all need and depend upon. God be with us all and make us thankful for your many blessings.

Pastor Brian

# Church Council Highlights

August 16, 2020

- Call to order
- Devotions/Prayer
- Council minutes approved and Treasurer's Report accepted
- Pastor's report and schedule
- Excited reaction to the refinished pews; concerns of school opening and complications for WOW and FINK plans.
- In person worship plans while keeping everyone safe; approved guidelines
- Contract for labor with Judd Wasmoen for upgrading our sound and video approved
- Refinishing pews progress thanks to Don, Drew and Alan Masat and Jim and Verna Ellenson. The Sponsor-a-Pew recommendation of \$200 was approved.
- Pastor Renee Splichal Larson from the Synod Office and Karen Gieseke from Luther Seminary joined the meeting via Zoom. They offered an overview of being an internship site and answered questions.
- Need to schedule a Memorial Committee meeting
- Exploring options for WOW classes and FINK
- Pastor Brian has reached out concerning the lack of transportation for the LWR quilts and kits.
- NYG postponed to 2022; Confirmation tentatively scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Next meeting is Sunday, September 20 at 5:30 pm

## Membership Update

If you or your family members are listed as active members of our congregation but have moved away, joined another church family, or do not wish to be members anymore, please let Pastor Brian know. We do not wish to "kick anyone out" of our church but we want our list to be an accurate reflection of who are members are. Some of you will be called about your membership or your children in this process.

# LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION

**National Youth Gathering** scheduled for the summer of 2021 is now postponed to 2022 in Minneapolis. The following gathering will be in 2024, only two years later. This again is an effect of the pandemic, which would make fund-raising and maybe the gathering itself difficult for youth groups. I cannot imagine how hard it is to move a gathering of 20,000 youth a year later so I do not envy the job ahead for the planning committee.

The biggest effect for us is that some who might have gone next year will graduate and go off and likely not go to the gathering. On the other hand, some younger youth may now technically be eligible to attend. Several of us will discuss this and bring a recommendation to the council to decide who is eligible to attend the gathering.

## Children's Ministry

As we return to school in our communities, we think also of gathering, young and old, in the church to learn the lessons of God. Unfortunately, with a pandemic, a volunteer organization like the church doesn't have the time or resources or even the space to easily return to all the usual Wednesday activities with the necessary precautions—WOW classes, meal and worship and FINK too. So please be patient as we make plans and prepare contingencies to return to Wednesday scheduling—in-person or online or something else. Two things you can do to help us: First, fill out the survey posted on Facebook so we know what you want for your family. Second, consider how you can help—with growing numbers of students we need growing numbers of teachers. If you have questions, contact Caitlin Hoots or any of those you know have taught before.

For now, the only Wednesday programming is the Pastor's Chat on Facebook at about 6:00 pm.

**Confirmation Day** is tentatively set for October 11. In preparation for that event, each FINK needs to finish up any points they are short, find a mentor and have several meetings and have an interview with Pastor Brian. COVID will challenge these efforts—and may affect whether we will and how we will gather safely for Confirmation Day too.

## Blood Drives

In a time when people are sick and blood is in demand, I want you to be proud that our building was used to host two blood drives this year so far—both ours in May and the drive in July hosted by the men of the KCs. The next drives we host are September 21 for the Ambulance and our own on November 16. Please join us to keep the blood flowing in this pandemic time.

## Tech Work

Another sanctuary project step that we have begun is to improve our sound and video capabilities with new (or used) cameras, microphones, speakers and the necessary wiring and computers and electronics to make it all work. Eventually we will have the capability not only to broadcast Sunday worship but also to be able to broadcast funerals and weddings from the sanctuary so those who cannot travel can still “be here” for these special events. Again any contributions to the Sanctuary Project or the Tech Fund will make this possible.

**Good Samaritan Center** is open to helping people with their food needs and the shelves are pretty empty. So they are again accepting donations of food items. Please place your gifts into the shopping cart in the sanctuary and Henry and Diane Dunkel will deliver to the Center.

## Synod Day and You

These days the church is not gathering in small spaces for meetings of almost any kind. Pastor participates in council meetings, text studies, even continuing education events, dean meetings and synod conferences and committee meetings sitting at his desk, without a drop of gas or the cost of mileage or motel room required. The good thing about this is that it opens events to a wider audience—including you. Since we did not have a Synod assembly this June, we are planning to have an online Synod Day on November 7 and you are invited—to worship, to celebrate anniversaries and milestones, and to share a vision of the upcoming years for the South Dakota Synod. So you can gather in front of a screen at home or maybe we can set up something here at the church so allow you to join this synod-wide event. No voting, no business, just celebrating what we have done and will do together. We will share more about how you can participate as that date draws closer.

## LWR ITEMS NEEDED

The following items are needed to complete the goal of **60 Health Kits**: 46 towels (20 x 40 or 52 x 27) dark color recommended; 110 - 166 bars of soap (each kit needs 2 - 4 oz. bars or 3 - 3 oz. bars); 50 sturdy combs; 39 nail clippers; NO toothbrushes (already have 105).

# September

<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  Additions listed weekly.		<b>1</b> 10:30 am – Pastor’s Text Study	<b>2</b> 6 pm – Pastor’s Zoom Chat	<b>3</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Support to Ministries	<b>4</b> 5 pm - Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 4 pm - Lewis Wedding
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Labor Day, Office Closed	<b>8</b> 10:30 am – Pastor’s Text Study	<b>9</b> 6 pm – Pastor’s Chat	<b>10</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study 10 am – Dean Call	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> GWOH	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:30 am – Pastor’s Text Study	<b>16</b> 6 pm – Pastor’s Chat	<b>17</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study 10 am – Dean Call	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 5:30 pm – Church Council	<b>21</b> 1 pm – Fall Retreat (online) Ambulance Blood Drive	<b>22</b> 10:30 am – Pastor’s Text Study	<b>23</b> 6 pm – Pastor’s Chat	<b>24</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study 10 am – Dean Call	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> OSL Deliver Senior Meals	<b>29</b> Pastor’s Surgery	<b>30</b> 6 pm – Pastor’s Chat			

2020

- 1 Caroline Masat
- 2 Mavis Ellis  
Bo Hochhalter  
Nona Shank
- 3 Fern Schmidt  
Della Osborn  
Herb & Shirley Stellmacher
- 4 Darrel Rohlf, Jr.
- 5 Matt Helm
- 6 Nick Stellmacher  
Ethan Jessen
- 7 Bella Hartman  
Andrew Pies  
Chris Piehl  
Orman & Nyla Fixsen
- 8 Alyvia Roach
- 9 Jase Kolar  
Clayton Odland
- 10 Stacey Wellnitz
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14 Heather Jordan  
Briana Wager  
Grant Hamilton
- 15
- 16 Kelly & Robert Ratigan  
Dalton & Halie Martchinske
- 17 Shirley Stellmacher

- 18 Kayla Swanson
- 19 Tonya Croeni
- 20 Katryn Evans  
Sandy Schwartz  
Wade Schwartz
- 21 Dustin Schmidt  
Dawson Marlow
- 22 Diane Odegaard  
Kendall Stroud
- 23 Henry & Diane Dunkel
- 24 Marissa Woodring
- 25 Jennifer Dangel  
Lance Stephens
- 26 Brett Hekrdle  
Candace Rohrbach  
Harry & Lorraine Fischer  
Ethan & Taylor Jessen
- 27 Tyler Masat  
Sue Bankston
- 28 Verlyn Ellis
- 29 Austin & Briana Wager
- 30 Caitlin Hoots

Is your birthday or anniversary missing from the list? Or is there incorrect information? If so please contact the office so the correction can be made.

## Gifts - Memorial & Honor

### Undesignated:

**In memory** of Connie Hansen from Kathi Stahl

### Approved Memorial wish list includes:

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

## August 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-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  
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**Our Savior's Lutheran Staff**  
Brian Wasmoen, Pastor  
Thordys Blume, Secretary  
Della Osborn, Custodian  
Lisa Lewis, Treasurer

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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## **THANK YOU:**

*Endowment thanks:*

**Thank you very much for the OSL Church scholarship. This money will help me pay for books during my first year as a graduate student at USD. I am very thankful to have a supportive church that helps me with my education.**

**Thank you, Brooklyn Rohlfs**

Thank you for the generous gift of money to help me with my education. I have made lots of new friends through all my different classes. I also attend church on Sunday nights with my new friends. College is great time. So thank you for helping me get that experience!

Sincerely, Grant Hamilton

**Thank you for the gift of money to help me with my education. I am excited to share the gospel with other students and able to help them develop a relationship with God. Thank you again, it is greatly appreciated!**

**Sincerely, April Hamilton**

Thank you to Bernice Rohrbach for making over 100 masks for the church.

I recently moved to college at NSU and have taken my quilt as a reminder of faith and things learned from OSL. Thank you for this gift. It is certainly extra special to me being my great grandmother is part of your quilting group. Thanks, Leyton Rohlfs  
**Dear OSL members: Thank you so much for the food donations! The miscellaneous items you brought were much needed and such a blessing to those in our community. We are so thankful for your prayers and generosity!**

**Sincerely, Tri-Co Good Samaritan Center**

## **CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –**

### **Weekly Offerings – August 2020**

Operating - \$ 8,565.00  
Sanctuary/Pew - \$ 950.00  
Sound System - \$ 25.00  
World Hunger - \$ 120.00

### **VANCO – July 2020**

Operating - \$ 1,336.78  
Disaster Relief - \$ 10.00  
Evangelism - \$ 10.00  
Sanctuary - \$ 20.00  
World Hunger - \$ 10.00