

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

“Messenger”

September 2023

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

WOW BEGINS

We are ready and excited to start our WOW year! Our theme for this fall is Fruits of the Spirit. We'll be basing our lessons off the passage from Galatians 5:22-23. “By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” Kids will sing songs, watch videos, have conversations, do crafts, and complete other activities to help them grow the fruits of their spirit!

Volunteer opportunities are still available for WOW. If you enjoy kids and are able to volunteer your time from 4:30 to 5:40, please contact Melissa Zastrow or stop by the church to learn more.

Beginning of year WOW reminders:

Start time – 4:40 pm – Drop off in the sanctuary on September 6th. After that, please drop off at classrooms.

Please remind your child(ren) to come to WOW ready to have a good time and to listen to their teachers. We can ALL enjoy our hour when we work together!

End time – 5:30 pm – Pick up in classrooms. Please pick up promptly at 5:30. Our teachers need to get to supper and/or go on their way.

Students should not be left unsupervised in the church for lengthy periods of time. If you can't get to church at 5:30, please ask a friend to watch your child(ren).

Pastor Installation

Please join us for the installation of Pastor Joy Proper at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on September 17th during our 9 am worship. We appreciate Pastor Renee Splichal Larson as she heads our way to conduct the installation. All are welcome to join us for worship and fellowship time to follow.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation groups will meet on Wednesday, September 6. Grades 7-9 and their parents will meet with Pastor Joy at 6:30 to discuss the upcoming year. Grades 10-11 and their parents will meet with Pastor Joy at 7:00 to discuss their reaffirmation of baptism that will take place on October 29.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

On September 6 we will return to our Wednesday evening worship at 6 pm. This will be a casual, shortened service with Holy Communion offered each week.

A light supper is served at 5:30 pm following WOW classes each week. Supper menu is found on page 3. Donations of both supplies and cash to help cover some of the expenses are always welcome. Especially desserts (store bought gets eaten as quickly as homemade), ground beef, large bags of shredded cheese, pasta, cream soups, tator- tots/French fries and large deep (9/13) disposable pans. Volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve, and clean up. If you have questions talk to Dana.

From the Pastor's Desk

Some people are easier to please than others. On the easy to please end of things are people who are just happy to see my dog. My presence is something of an afterthought for them. Those are standards I can meet. After that, there's all degrees of standards. There's the student loan people who are happy so long as my payments are automatically withdrawn from my bank account. There are the standards of acquaintances. Smiling and chatting pleasantly is usually enough to meet their standards. There are the standards of close friends. More listening, honesty, and empathy are required. There are the standards of family. Turning out to be a decent person meets a lot of the expectations, but they also always know that I could stand up straighter and do more, if only I put my mind to it. Ideally family always expects the best of us and holds us to what we have the potential to be. But there are also always people who have ridiculous standards, the kind that just can't be met. If one is really lucky, they're someone like a boss where you can hopefully get another job and avoid having to deal with that person again. If one is unfortunate, they're someone like a critical parent you can never please. No matter what you do it will never be good enough. And you can't just replace a parent the way you can a boss. You're stuck with them for life and there's really no way to avoid them, at least until you're eighteen. It's the good thing and the bad thing about family. They're there forever. There is no easy escape.

I think we've all known people whose expectations we could never meet. It seems to be part of life. But the more important, the more influential someone who passes that sort of judgment on you is in your life, the greater the chance of ugly, lifelong scarring. Unfortunately, there are

parents, spouses and other people that we depend on to support us, to offer constructive criticism leveled with love, who don't, people who can't turn off an unending stream of commentary about what's wrong with you.

In the church, at our best we love God and we love our neighbor. At our worst? We turn into *those* people. The kind that would never look at a person except to find fault with them. We become the most judgmental of Christians, convinced that the world needs to know about our neighbor's fault. We talk of the bad we see and not the good. We offer judgment in a way that invites our being judged the same way, using a measuring stick we can almost never hope to measure up to.

Whether this is good news or bad news I don't know, but this is not a new development. It's something people have done for millennia. In fact, it's a large portion of what the religious establishment spends the gospels doing to Jesus. Is Jesus good enough, pious enough, holy enough? Are his miracles big enough? Are his beliefs orthodox enough? Are his disciples observant enough? Is he fulfilling any of their expectations for a Messiah? And they spend a lot their time being disappointed in him. And I would respectfully submit that if the Messiah, the Son of God himself, isn't good enough for you, if he doesn't meet your standards, then you have a problem and yes, it's all on your side. Or as Jesus puts it, "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and

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sinner!" Jesus is saying that John the Baptist wasn't good enough for these people, and he, Jesus, isn't good enough for these people. Too pious? Insufficiently pious? There is no pleasing these people. (And yes, people, for your sake, if you ever find Jesus insufficiently pious for your faith, I would urge you to rethink your standards.)

Of course, Jesus pointing this out doesn't wake people to what they're doing. We all know how this story goes. People get so incensed that they begin searching for something to charge him with and charge him they do. They get him killed by the Romans for fear that he's making them look bad. (And again, if you think your Savior makes you look bad, well ...)

One of those people farther down the line who was obsessed with piety, looking good at all times, obsessed because he felt he could never measure up to the expectations set forth for him, was Martin Luther. He was absolutely terrified that he wasn't good enough for God, that nothing he did was sufficient, that God was always watching him, always judging him, always finding him deficient. That God had impossible standards and he would always fail, because he wasn't good enough, no matter how hard he tried. He tried excessive fasting, sleeping outside when it was freezing to mortify the flesh and other such things. Apparently he was found outside half frozen, needing his unconscious body to be dragged back inside before he froze to death, more than once. But any time the standards are impossible, you can never meet them. And the standards we can create are impossible. The standards put on John the Baptist, the standards put on Jesus, the standards Martin Luther put on himself, nobody could meet them. They were standards that led to destruction, not to life. But they also were not God's standards. Yes, God has

standards. There is a yoke and a burden. But they are the standards of love. You know, the standards that are leavened with love and forgiveness, and when they're disappointed in you, it's because you're not living up to all of that wonderful potential they know you have. Where criticism is only to make you better, constructive and laced with love and compassion. It's the standard of love, not negativity. It wants to help to heal, not to hurt. As Jesus puts it, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Church Council Highlights August 29

Secretary's report from July approved; treasurer's report accepted.

Pastor Joy's Installation Service is September 17. She will attend the Fall Theological Conference in Pierre through September 20th.

The George and Verlyn Larsen ceramic artwork is on display in the back of the sanctuary and is being sold as a free will offering to Lutheran Outdoors Bible Camps.

New members will be received soon.

Churchwide celebration of God's Work, Our Hands is September 10th. A list of jobs to be done inside the church and on the church property is being compiled that can be done by an individual, family or group.

The trees along the south side of the church property have been removed as contracted by NorthWestern Energy. The stumps will be ground out.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Diane Dangel, Secretary

New Members

We plan to welcome new members in the next several weeks. If you are interested in joining Our Savior's or know of someone that is, please talk to Pastor Joy or let the office know.

Information Needed

We have had several changes to our computer programs in the last several months. Several system upgrades and the latest is a new computer. In moving all the old files to the new computer we have had several changes to the way everything works, including an upgrade to our email from Midco. As a result we have lost some addresses. Please take a minute to help the office by sending a message to:

secretary.osl@midconetwork.com.

We also find many landlines that have been discontinued and we have no new number. Please update your phone number and if you have a new address update this as well. Thank you for your help.

Ceramics

Shop for George Larsen's original ceramic artwork that is being sold as a free will offering. The tables in the back of the sanctuary are full. His family has generously donated these items to help young people attend camp. All donations go to Camperships for kid's attending Lutheran Outdoors Bible Camps. These items will be on display for several weeks. Everyone (*friends, neighbors, family members*) is welcome to come and shop.

DEACONS Needed

Individuals or couples are needed to serve as Deacons to help deliver and serve Shut-in Communion to the nursing homes, assisted living and some home-bound individuals. We do this on the third Sunday of every month. We receive communion and pick up our kits during worship. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Henry Dunkel.

Senior Meals

If you need exercise or enjoy helping your neighbor, The Senior Nutrition Program is looking for volunteers to deliver noon meals to homebound seniors in our community. It takes approximately 1.5 hours to help get these delivered, Monday-Friday. If you are able to volunteer, please call Cyndi at 605-472-0155. Lunch is provided and mileage is available upon request. This is separate from the week that OSL does a scheduled route.

LIBRARY INFORMATION

The church library has a great assortment of books and DVD's to check out.

Use the self checkout by putting the date and your name on the library card attached to the inside of the book.

Put the card in the labeled box [file by the last name of the author of book].

There is a separate checkout box for DVDs which should be filed using the name of DVD.

A shelf on the northwest side of the library is labeled Book Club. After these books are read by the Book Club members, they will be put on the metal cart for everyone to check out. The newest books in the library are on the metal cart plus Christmas books and DVD's.

Please return books and DVD's in a timely manner.

WOW Supper Menu

September 6 - Hamburgers

September 13 - Barbecues

September 20 - Million Dollar Baked Ziti

September 27 - Tacos

October 4 - Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole

October 11 - Baked Potato Bar & Hotdog Bar

October 18 - NO WOW

October 25 - Grandma Ole's Hotdish

November 1 - Chicken Rice Casserole

November 8 - Chili & Tomato Soup

November 15 - Hot Ham & Cheese

November 22 - NO WOW

November 29 - Pepperoni Pizza Casserole

December 6 - Homemade Mac and Cheese

December 13 - Pizza

(The menu is subject to change for both weather or supply issues.)

September

<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 Acolytes listed each week. Additions listed weekly			Regular WOW Schedule 4:40 pm – WOW Classes 5:30 pm – Supper 6 pm – Worship 6:35 pm - Confirmation Additions listed weekly		1	2
3	4	5 10:30 am – Shirley Felchle’s memorial service	6 WOW Begins – 4:40 pm	7 7:30 am – Bible Study	8	9
10 Girl Scouts Recognition, FH	11	12 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	13	14 7:30 am – Bible Study	15 12 pm-Ministerial Association	16 2 pm-Bridal Shower for Tiffani Tietz, FH
17 Pastor Joy - Installation Deacons deliver Communion Pastor Joy to Fall Theological Conference 7 pm – Church Council	18	19 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	20	21 7:30 am – Bible Study 1:30 pm – Love Circle, Lakeside	22	23
24	25	26 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	27	28 7:30 am – Bible Study	29	30

2023

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
 Ayden Understock-Jessen
 Spencer & Katelyn Lewis
 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 Odland
 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
 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

Food Pantry:

In memory of Harry Fischer from Dale & Leanna Stellmacher, Gordon & Thordys Blume, Diane & Henry Dunkel, Vonnie Richter, Carol Lund, Alan & Diann Steinheuser

Sanctuary Fund:

In memory of Harry Fischer from Clark & Rosa Davis

Undesignated:

In memory of Lonnie Scriver from Henry & Diane Dunkel, Darrel & Colleen Rohlf, Francelle Fuss

In memory of Harry Fischer from Gene & Karlene Stellmacher, Clark & Diane Roeber, Kenny & Penny Swanson, Roger & Lois Masat, Verlyn & MAVIS Ellis, Francelle Fuss, Doug & Sue Christianson, Peggy Miller, Ruth Jessen, Kathy Olsen

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

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

August 2023 Statistics

Death – Shirley Felchle
 There were no baptisms, marriages,
 transfers out –or transfers in.

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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

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 for the Butterfly Quilt! It is
greatly appreciated! Gracie Fast

**Dear Our Savior's Lutheran, Thank you
so much for the quilt. I will use it as a nice
blanket in the winter.**

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Members.

Thank you so very much for your support to
the Tri Co. Good Samaritan Center. We
greatly appreciate all you good folks do for
this home mission. Your donations are just
what we need. May the Lord bless you for
your generosity and faithfulness to our
communities. Thank you again dear friends.
Sincerely, Penny Ihnen Brown & Sherry
Wurtz, Co-Directors

**Thank you to those that have watered the
planters so faithfully this summer.
Without your help the plants would be
dead.**

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

Weekly Offerings – August 2023

Operating - \$ 8,235.00

VANCO – July 2023

Operating - \$ 1,601.88

Sanctuary - \$ 20.00

FAITHFUL READERS

The book club will meet in the OSL
church library at 2 pm on October 19 to
discuss To Love Anew by Bonnie Leon. The
book for December will be A Christmas
Memory by Richard Paul Evans.

Read the book and come join us for
lively discussion and fellowship.

GROCERY CART

**Remember to pick up shelf staple
items and fill the cart. These items are
delivered to the Food Pantry.**