Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

"Messenger"

September 2026

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

Welcome/Outreach

We have new membership software and are working to update our membership records. There is a membership update form included in the newsletter for you to update your information and either bring back or send back to the church. If you prefer to update your info electronically, please scan the QR code below and it will take you to an electronic form to complete. This is a chance for those that have moved out of this area to let us know your wishes for your formal membership status. Return the form and we will complete the paper work and return it to you or your new church. Because postal regulations require us to make sure all copies are the same; for some of you the form does not apply. We realize many of you receiving this newsletter are not currently part of our membership, but if you are interested in joining us, return the form and someone will contact you.

Allison Marlow, Chairperson

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

'God's Work Our Hands' is Sunday September 13th. Churches across the ELCA participate in this annual day of service to show love and improve our community through acts of service. We will meet after the 9 am worship and will be completing projects both inside and outside the church such as cleaning up landscaping and alleyway, moving our seasonal decorations from downstairs to upstairs for easier access, and other upkeep around the church and or community. There will be projects that adults, teens, and children can all help out with. All are welcome to join us.

COMING EVENT

Mark your calendars. On October 9th at 6 pm, we will have a blessing of the hunting dogs. This event is for all who hunt, all who have hunting dogs, and all who have dogs that hunt. (Does your dog hunt rats or flies or stray socks? All are welcome.) There will be prayers for hunters and the pheasant season, a few hymns, and an individual blessing for every dog in attendance. Not sure your dog/s can handle the event? Bring their photo. Hope to see you then!

From the Pastor's Desk

The school year is here. This means that suddenly everything is in high gear: school, sports, clubs, church, and most of all, your calendars. Scheduling becomes a delicate dance, trying to juggle all of your commitments. The pace can be frantic and it can start to feel overwhelming. Of course, as your pastor I want to remind you to make time for God as well, but how on earth do you do that? Like you need something else to try and carve out time for. So maybe the question is how do you incorporate God into the schedule you already have?

Do you ever lay in bed for a moment after your alarm goes off, thinking of all you have to get done and mentally organizing your day? Take a second to thank God for the coming day and ask for God's help in all you have to get done.

Exercising, be it walking, running, lifting weights, or using machines? Breathe in. "God is good." Breathe out. "All the time." Or breathe in. "Lord have mercy." Breathe out. "Christ have mercy."

Hunting or fishing? Thank God for the beauty that surrounds you. See the goodness of God's creation and the abundance that God has gifted us.

Worried about an exam? Remind yourself that God is with you in all things. Need to study more? Remember that God gave you a brain and expects you to use it.

Watching a family member's game? Marvel at the gifts God has given the participants: strength, endurance, grace, patience, courage, the ability to rally or console a team member.

I know that your day has a million different things you need to do and that I have barely scratched the surface, but the truth is that most anything in life can be used to draw you closer to God or to pull you further away. A lot of the difference is in how you approach something and the lens through which you look at it. Keeping God in focus doesn't mean forgetting about the world around you, but rather in learning to see God in the people, places, events, challenges, and good times.

God,
You surround us in every time and place. Help us to see your signature in all you have made, to call upon you in our need, to lean upon you in our weakness, to find comfort in your steadfastness, and to remember your presence in times of stress. In your name we pray. Amen.

Pastor Joy

OSL Church Council Summary

Our Saviors Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 5:00 pm. The meeting was called to order, Pastor Joy shared a devotion and the agenda was presented. Minutes from the June meeting were approved and financial reports were accepted.

Committee reports were given. Morgan and Amanda gave an update on the basement project of cleaning and painting the class rooms and open areas. Discussions included the church website, the church property maintenance and cleaning and the upkeep of the church grounds.

The request for membership release from Paige Hermanson was approved.

Pastor Joy will attend the Synod Fall Theological Conference in Custer September 13 through the 15th and will be on personal leave the balance of the week. Melissa Zastrow will lead worship that week.

Next council meeting will be on Sunday, September 20 at 10:15 am.

Diane Dangel, Council Secretary

Children's Ministries

September brings the start of WOW! We look forward to seeing everyone on the first day of WOW on September 9th at 5 pm. Please fill out our online registration on our Facebook page to ensure all students are counted for and in the correct classroom. Blessings of the backpacks will occur September 6th and 9th at each worship service. Our 5th grade class will have a first communion class with Pastor after worship at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 23rd. First communion will be held on Sunday, September 27th at the 9 AM worship service.

The basement has had a facelift with new lighting and paint, and we are grateful for all who have dedicated their time to these projects! If you are looking for donation ideas for our WOW program, we have set up an Amazon Wishlist for further classroom needs. We look forward to another wonderful WOW year!

Morgan Piehl, Children's Ministries Chairperson

Women of the ELCA, OSL

The annual Northern Plains WELCA Fall Retreat will be held at Our Savior Lutheran in Faulkton on Saturday, September 12. Registration will begin at 9 am. The cost is $20 which includes morning coffee and noon lunch. Check the posters on the bulletin boards for information on the Love offering. RSVP to 605-340-8154 by Sept. 4.

Spiritual & Financial

We have had people on the move in the last few months. This means volunteer positions need to be filled. If you can help with the offering counting on Sunday am after worship, visit with Sue Christiansen.

YOUTH

Welcome back to all our 7-12 youth.

Freshman confirmation youth are working on meeting with their mentor and pastor Joy. They will be confirmed on November 1st at the Sunday morning service. Our 7th and 8th grade youth will start classes on September 9th. We will go over expectations with the youth and parents after the 6:00 p.m. service. All 7th – 12th youth are invited to a monthly LYO group event. We try to meet once a month during the school year. This year we are continuing to have small groups of youth help plan our monthly events. This group will change each month, so everyone can be involved. We hope our older youth can stay involved with the church as much as possible with their busy schedules. Our first LYO will be on September 23th at 6:35p.m. Please join us for the 6:00 service and after the service we will have a parking lot party with a wild game feed, games and conversations. I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the year. Amanda Evans, Youth Ministries Chairperson

Campus Ministries

For families with students off to further education, it's time to connect college students from our congregation with campus ministry! South Dakota synod campus ministry partners would love to welcome them into their communities on campus as the new academic year begins. For a referral within South Dakota, click here: **https://sdsynod.org/ministries/campus/**.

September

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
Regular Sunday Schedule 9:00 am – Worship 10:00 Fellowship Additions listed weekly		**1** 1 pm – Pastor's Text Study	**2** **NO WOW** 6 pm - Worship	**3** 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 a, - Coffee Time 11 am – Food Truck	**4**	**5**
6 9 am – Bless the Back Paks	**7** Labor Day Office Closed	**8** 1 pm – Pastor's Text Study	**9** 5 pm – **WOW Begins** 6 pm – Worship, Bless the Back Paks	**10** 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time 1:30 pm – Love Circle, Eastern Star	**11**	**12** 9am- Fall W/ELCA Retreat, Faulkton
13 No Communion, Melissa Zastrow Leading Pastor's Fall Conference in Custer	**14**	**15**	**16** 6 pm – Worship, No Communion Pastor gone	**17** 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time	**18**	**19**
20 Deacons Deliver Communion 10:15 am – Church Council	**21**	**22** 1 pm – Pastor's Text Study	**23** 6 pm - Worship	**24** 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time	**25**	**26**
27	**28**	**29** 1 pm – Pastor's Text Study	**30** 6 pm - Worship			
			WOW Schedule 5:00 pm - WOW 6:00 pm - Worship 6-7:30 pm – Worship & Confirmation			

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September 2026
Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Caroline Masat
2 Bo Hochhalter
Nona Shank
3 Della Osborn
4 Darrel Rohlfs, 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
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14 Briana Wager
Grant Hamilton
15
16 Kelly & Robert Ratigan
Dalton & Halie Martchinske
17
18 Kayla Swanson
19 Tonya Odland
20 Katryn Evans
Sandy Schwartz
Wade Schwartz
Cameron Zens
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
Jenna & Jake Dawson
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.

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Roger Masat –
Sanctuary/Technology - from Eileen Crawford, Alan & Diann Steinheuser, Vonnie Richter, Tim Odland
Undesignated - from Carol Lund, Darrel & Colleen Rohlfs, Ruth Jessen, Clark & Rosa Davis, Butch & Diane Odegaard. Clark & Diane Roeber, Larry & Ada Jorgenson, Sonja Gabriel, Dave & Stacey Marlow, Peggy Miller, Brenda Davis, Francelle fuss, Keith & Linda Schroeder, Gordon & Thordys Blume,

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

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

August 2026 Statistics

Death – Roger Masat
Release – Paige Hermanson
There were no baptisms, marriages, or transfers in.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The "Messenger" is published monthly at
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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 Classes – 4:40 pm
Supper – 5:30 pm
WOW Worship – 6:00 pm
6:35 pm – Confirmation Class

Church Office Hours:
Tuesday – Friday: 9 am – 3 pm
Church Office – 472-2640
Pastor Joy Proper – 541-255-8455
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Our Savior's Lutheran Staff
Pastor Joy Proper
Thordys Blume, Secretary
Della Osborn, Custodian
Dana Lewis, Treasurer

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THANK YOU:

Dear Friends from Our Savior's
Thank you, thank you, thank you, faithful friends! May God bless you richly for your generosity to us here at the Tri County Good Samaritan Center! What an amazing donation!! Thank you Henry Dunkel for delivering the wonderful donation to us!! Sincerely, Penny Ihnen & Sherry Wurtz, Co-Directors.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church - Reflections Recovery House would like to thank you all for participating in our February donation drive. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated. God Bless!

OSL - Thank you for your incredible support of Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota. Your generosity makes our ministry possible. For over 65 years, our camps – NeSoDak, Klein Ranch and Outlaw Ranch – have provided transformative experiences that build faith, develop leadership skills, and create lasting connections. It covers food costs for campers, care for horses and facilities, provides safe, nurturing environments for youth and families and offers Christ-centered ministry.

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

Weekly Offerings – March 2025
Operating - $ 8,945.00
Ash Wednesday - $ 604.10
Lent $ 391.00

VANCO – February 2025
Operating - $ 1,296.88
Sanctuary - $ 20.00

FAITHFUL READERS

The book club will meet in the OSL church library at 2 pm on April 17 to discuss The Women by Kristin Hannah. We welcome you to join us for discussion and fellowship.

REMEMBER THE GROCERY CART IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. FILL IT UP AND SUPPORT THOSE LESS FORTUNATE.