

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

“Messenger”

October, 2020

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

Confirmation Sunday- October 11

In order to maintain our guidelines and keep people safe, **our worship on October 11 will be only for those being confirmed and their immediate families.** We would love to have the usual celebration with families and church community gathered with our young people, but as Covid-19 infections continue to spread, we ask all others to follow us on the radio or on Facebook rather than come to the worship that day. We hope you understand.

Internship Vote on October 25

Following our Reformation Sunday worship we will have a congregational meeting to vote on two things: 1) the possibility of adding an amendment to our constitution to allow for online meetings for our congregation and its council and committees. And 2) to vote about having an intern serve our congregation in 2021, beginning in January. Some have expressed concern about the cost of such an internship so our council and Synod are working on plans to pay for it.

Synod Day and 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. You can gather in front of a screen at home or maybe we can set up something here at the church *to* allow you to join this synod-wide event. No voting, no business, just worshiping and celebrating what we have done and will do together. We will share more about how you can participate as that date draws closer.

Worship

In-Person, on Facebook and Radio at 97.7 FM Sundays: We have returned to the sanctuary using masks, distancing and guidelines to keep us safe. We have been receiving weekly Holy Communion but plan now to offer Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month. We need volunteers to lector, to assist with Communion and to usher people out. Let Pastor or Diane Dangel know if you can assist. We will try to bring Holy Communion to those who cannot receive it at church if it is requested.

Funerals and Weddings: We can now host funerals and weddings in the building, but we will follow our guidelines—masks and distancing—and will limit attendance to about 100 people so we can spread out. No food served at the church.

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 on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, without contact, in the north east entrance.

From the Pastor's Desk

How Crises Affect

Congregations and Pastors

It is an uncomfortable thing to talk about, but it is true. Crises affect how congregations, councils and church staffs function. When a flood or tornado strikes, when a fire or some traumatic event affects a congregation, something snaps and change is necessary. In dealing with a crisis and its aftermath, tensions may grow and anger erupts, or exhaustion sets in and people don't function normally, or maybe people feel stuck and just need something different. In such times, experts observe, we see that an unusual number of pastors seek new calls and move, roughly six months after the crisis hits.

We see that happening also in this crisis of pandemic in our Synod and across the Church. After roughly six months of Covid-19—with all the changes, challenges and divisions it has caused—we started to see pastors moving from our neighboring communities—Clark, Warner, Aberdeen and who will be next? This movement is evident across the Synod and I, as dean, talk to other pastors who feel frustrated and unsettled and maybe ready to move too.

The problem with a pandemic, however, is that (unlike a flood or fire) there is nowhere to go to escape it. To one degree or another, this pandemic is everywhere. And it seems unlikely to go away any time soon.

So what do we do? Let's try the oldest tricks in the book—kindness, patience, understanding and forgiveness. Let us listen to each other, even when we disagree. Let us be patient and kind, stop pointing fingers and practice forgiving each other. Let us act in ways that shows care for one another and builds up our community. In other words, let us try loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. That sounds like something Jesus would expect of us, not just in theory but in truth. **ACT OUT THIS LOVE**, both for your brothers and sisters in faith and also in how we treat strangers and Gentiles, those who are different and even people we don't much like. The pressure of crisis can bring out the worst in us or the best in us, can test us and reveal who we are. Let others see that we are the people who follow Jesus, with love and hope and forgiveness for all.

Pastor Brian

Church Council Highlights

September 20, 2020

- Call to order – Karmen Weinzirl
- Devotions/Prayer – Pastor Brian
- Approved council minutes from August 16, 2020
- No Treasurer's report available
- Pastor Brian's report included one funeral; three baptisms; one wedding
- Continued issues with the radio broadcast
- if Pastor Brian gets Covid: 1) end in-person worship while he is contagious; 2) with increased severity, seek volunteers to lead worship.
- Worship is going well—may cut back Communion to first and third Sundays
- WOW has not begun due to shortage of teachers and Covid challenges—likely will not have classes in church before January 2021; May try to offer online lessons for families.
- Approved Confirmation Sunday be held on October 11th during regular worship with only the confirmands, their parents and siblings in attendance.
- FINK may be offered using online sessions.
- Internship Site – we have connected with the prospective intern and are excited about her; will vote on internship at meeting October 25.
- No more pews have been returned but we are receiving funds with our adopt-a-pew program. Thank you.
- Agreed to enroll in a Stewardship program
- A constitutional amendment is needed for congregational online meetings. We will discuss and vote on this on October 25.
- No plan yet for removing ash trees
- No word yet on transportation of LWR quilts and kits
- With the Youth Gathering 2022 pushed back we may include 8th grade students on the trip
- Next meeting is Sunday, October 18 at 5:30 pm

LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION

National Youth Gathering scheduled for the summer of 2021 is now postponed to 2022 in Minneapolis. The following one will be in 2024, only two years later.

Some of those who planned to go to the gathering in 2021 will now have to decide again if it works for them to go in 2022. And, because the ELCA allows it, we will offer the trip to our youth finished with grades 8-12 in 2021. Therefore if your child is in grade 7-11 this year, they will probably be eligible in 2022. We will check with families this fall to find out which young people (and adult advisors) we may send in 22 months.

LYO is also on hold for now.

FINK may have to go online this year. We hope to offer something soon but hesitate to bring the youth and guides to the church basement as Covid-19 continues to spread. We can probably start to do something online if parents and students will partner with us in this learning process.

Children's Ministry

Wednesday scheduling—our Children's Ministry leaders and church council have agreed that there will be no meal or classes offered on Wednesdays for the immediate future. We may be able to start up with WOW in person in January if we have enough willing teachers. Or we might go online or find a way to send things home with families.

Coupon Collection

Some of you have been faithfully bringing your coupon pages to the church kitchen, knowing that someone would clip out those coupons and deliver them to our military families who use them to save money. You may or may not know that this was a project of Irene Davis, who died recently, and her niece Brenda, so the coupon shoebox is overflowing. We are grateful for this mission partnership and invite people to continue to bring their coupon pages in and we will find someone to clip them.

"Cultivating Generous Congregations"

We signed up to participate in this stewardship program but it has been postponed until more congregations are ready to sign up. It includes online training and we need at least four members to attend the training (online) and help to lead this program for our congregation. Contact Josh Hilbrands or Pastor Brian if you are interested.

What if Pastor gets sick?

Any of you can choose to come to worship or not, but Pastor Brian has to be there every time we gather. If he would get Covid-19, our council recognizes that things would change quite suddenly. First, we would shut down in-person worship and only Pastor Brian and someone to run the sound would be in the sanctuary while he is contagious. If things improved, we would return to worship.

But if Pastor gets too sick to lead worship, we would find volunteers to lead worship and preach and we would have to hope other pastors were available to do weddings and funeral worship services. We want you to know that we are thinking ahead and hope we are prepared if such a thing happens.

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 safely host three blood drives this year—ours in May, the KC drive in July and the ambulance drive in September. The next drive we host is our own again November 16. Please join us to keep the blood flowing in this pandemic time.

Good Samaritan Center

is open to help people with their food needs and the shelves are quite bare. Items requested for the pantry are: canned soup and meals, corn, green beans, "helper" meals, muffin mixes, noodles, pancake mix and syrups, peanut butter, stuffing mixes and snacks. In November we will have a full-fledged food drive. The Dunkels have been delivering food each week since we started collecting food again and are thankful for and amazed by your generous response.

The Food Truck will return to Redfield on October 8 at 10:00 am. Go and line up for food and remind others who need such help to line up too.

Sponsor-a-Pew or Sound/Video System

The first steps of our sanctuary project are to refinish the pews and upgrade our sound and video both for inside the sanctuary and broadcasting by radio and Facebook. We invite anyone who is able to sponsor a pew for \$200 or to contribute any amount you can to support the pew refinishing or the sound/video update.

Thanksgiving Meal 2020

Looking ahead, our Ministerial Association proposed having a Thanksgiving Dinner as we have in the past, with pastors and volunteers making the meal and bringing the pies to the Senior Center, but doing it only with take-away meals and delivery. The Senior Citizens Club and the Nutrition Council approved this so we will once again be serving Thanksgiving Dinner, even if we must take the food home to eat.

October

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
9 am – Worship – in house, radio and Facebook				1 7:30 am – Bible Study 10 am – Dean Call Deliver Senior Meals →	2	3
4	5	6 10:30 am – Text Study	7 6 pm – Pastor’s Chat	8 7:30 am – Bible Study 10 am – Dean Call 11 am – Food Truck	9 8 am–1:30 pm – Mental Health First Aid	10
11 Confirmation Sunday – Confirmands, parents and siblings only at in-house worship	12	13 10:30 am – Text Study	14 6 pm – Pastor’s Chat	15 7:30 am – Bible Study 10 am – Dean Call 11 am – Pastor’s Conference 11:45 am – Senior Devotions	16 12 noon - RAMA	17
18	19	20 10:30 am – Text Study	21 6 pm – Pastor’s Chat	22 7:30 am – Bible Study 10 am – Dean Call	23	24
25 10 am – Congregational meeting	26	27 10:30 am – Text Study	28 6 pm – Pastor’s Chat	29 7:30 am – Bible Study 10 am – Dean Call 11:45 am – Senior Devotions	30	31

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| 1 | Scott DeYoung
Jim Noss | 15 | Dallas Olson |
| 2 | Sharon Mohr
Karlene & Gene Stellmacher | 16 | |
| 3 | Jon & Erin Betten | 17 | |
| 4 | Dave Marlow
Adriana Ratigan
Henry Hekrdle | 18 | Elizabeth Fixsen
Easton Pochop |
| 5 | Ashley Mohr
Sarah Gregg | 19 | |
| 6 | Nick Brandner
Kim and Scott Roeber
Jake & Amy Rissman | 20 | |
| 7 | April Hamilton
Brynn Giblin | 21 | |
| 8 | | 22 | Caroline and Steve Masat
LeShea Avery
Dylan Stephens |
| 9 | Deb Stroud
Justine Jacobs
Kennedi Kraft | 23 | Madysen Olivia Stroud |
| 10 | Braxton Wager | 24 | Kenidee Enander |
| 11 | Jim & Julie Becker | 25 | Paula Hamilton
Samantha O'Daniel
Brodi Uzzle |
| 12 | Tyler Hansen
Clark Roeber
Chancey O'Daniel
Stacey and Dave Marlow
Tony & Karmen Weinzirl | 26 | Kenneth Forgey |
| 13 | Cole O'Daniel
Greg Hagen
Janet Hanson
Matt & Abbey Gjernes | 27 | Abigail Gjernes
Nicole Smith |
| 14 | Tracy Pochop
Elaina Schmitt | 28 | |
| | | 29 | Dustin Miller
Dale Siebrecht
Teresa Browne |
| | | 30 | Inez Booze
Erin Schroeder |
| | | 31 | Kim Markley
Heather Roach
Haisley Hansen |

Gifts - Memorial & Honor

Sanctuary/Pew Fund –

In memory of Irene Davis from Dour & Sue Christensen, Vonnie Richter

In memory of Barb Hahler from Vonnie Richter
In memory of Kathy Maddox from Wilbur

Dvorak

In memory of Erick & Martha Stellmacher from Dale & Leanna Stellmacher

Technology –

In memory of Irene Davis from Diann & Alan Steinheuser

Undesignated-

In memory of Irene Davis from Gene & Karlene Stellmacher

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

- ELW hymnals
- Endowment Fund
- Library Fund
- Organ Fund
- Radio Broadcast Sponsors
- Sanctuary/Pew restoration
- Technology
- Tables of various sizes

September 2020 Statistics

Baptisms: Clayton Roger Martchinske,
Landry Lynn Wager, Lawsyn Marie Wager
Deaths: Irene Davis, Robert Fuss
Marriage: Spencer Lewis & Katelyn Renneke
There were no transfers in or out.

Please help us keep our records accurate by reporting omissions and errors.

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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- (*Temporarily on hold*)
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
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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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Return to Meetings in Church?

The council has returned to meeting in the church fellowship hall where we spread out and wear masks as we make decisions. The Ministerial Assn., also masked, has now met in our church and the Thursday Bible study is now meeting again in the Fellowship Hall on Thursdays. We have hosted Lions meetings, coffee groups, SADD youth, blood drives, walkers and others formally and informally in our building.

For the groups that meet here, we ask people to wear masks or at least spread out significantly, to avoid contact, and we ask you also to use the cleaning supplies we will make available to wipe down tables, chairs or anything else you have touched in that space. Please also check in the church office before you schedule anything in the building. Thank you.

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 our members are. Some of you will be called about your membership or your children in this process.

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

Weekly Offerings – September 2020

Operating - \$ 8,970.00
Sanctuary/Pew Fund - \$ 2,510.00
World Hunger - \$ 50.00

VANCO – August 2020

Operating - \$ 1,542.40
Disaster Relief - \$ 10.00
Evangelism - \$ 10.00
Sanctuary/Pew – \$ 20.00
World Hunger - \$ 10.00

Synod Financial News

Our treasurer has continued to send in a portion of our offerings regularly to our South Dakota Synod. Other congregations have also been faithful to support our Synod so they report to us that they have taken in more than they have spent this year—income 103% of budget and expenses 101.9% of budget. Thanks for your faithful giving to our congregation and the synod structure that leads and serves us.