

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

"Messenger"

October 2021

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

FINK

FINK (Faith Inkubators) is back in person after our Covid delay. These youth and guides meet Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Once a month we will have LYO which will include the FINKs plus all youth 8th-12th grades.

Sharing

The grocery cart is always ready to receive your donations for the local Food Pantry. Let's fill it up and help someone in need. Items such as peanut butter and other kid-friendly supplies are appreciated. Any non-perishable item is always needed. This includes cleaning and other household supplies.

November will also be our month to do a major food drive to fill the shelves at the Good Samaritan Center. November newsletter will contain a list of suggestions. They can also use cash to purchase perishable items like milk etc. for families.

Remember in Prayer

Condolences to the families of Ruth Swanson & Lennart Anderson, the family of Phyllis Huber (Lisa Lewis' mom), the family of Elaine Roeber (Scott Roeber's mom) and Mark Woledge (Shayna Frost's husband).

Special Events

We were glad to welcome our children back to WOW and bless their backpacks (and them) on their return to school. We have also been able to have acolyte training and welcome the children (and their parents) to worship to receive Bibles.

The preschoolers who got Bible Story books are: Alex Gregg, Braxton Wager, Chandler Hoots, Coyer Stroud, Phynlee Roach, Corbin Swanson, Brodi Uzzle, Natalie Ethridge, Cora Jessen Briggs VanWagner, Kyler Evans & Braysen Uzzle.

The third and fourth graders who received Adventure Bibles are: Ava McMahan, Carson Jessen, Deagan Maher, Easton Pochop, Malachi Zastrow, Noah Carr, Spencer Evans, Tori Betten, Bentley Hartman, Braxton Maher, Jack Lewis, Noah Pete, Braelon Marlow, Deagan Maher & Avery VanWagner.

We have Christmas Programs set for the Kids on Wednesday, December 15, and Sunday, December 19, following worship. We also have a tentative date – October 27 – for the kids to sing at WOW Worship.

We hope to find dates this fall for First Communion, a Fall Dinner, and Harvestfest Worship (and guest speaker). We will share them as we set such dates.

From the Pastor's Desk

Back to Normal?

When will we be back to normal? When will Covid be over? Will people return to worship? When will we be able to have fellowship hours, weddings, funerals, circle meetings, and classes again? Will we continue to broadcast our worship on radio and Facebook? What will we do about potluck meals? Christmas programs? Cantatas? Fall dinners?

These are the questions we have lived with now for a year and a half. Today we can say that most of our normal gatherings have returned. And this fall—with 14 youth in FINK and with several great WOW Wednesdays already—it is surely good to see the young children and families back at Our Savior's Church and even to see some new faces among the students and those helping with WOW. Soon—with acolyte schedules established and FINKs signing up to get points by ushering, greeting, lecturing, setting up and assisting with Communion—we will take another step toward normal.

This fall and winter, we hope indeed to have a fall dinner, a Harvestfest, First Communion for our youth, Christmas programs and Christmas Eve worship—as long as Covid-19 doesn't rear its head and spoil our fun again.

But what have we learned? I can think of several things that may be important to remember:

1. We were the Church even when we could not gather. We could still pray, still love others, still praise God, still mail in our offerings for the mission to continue. We maybe we had more time to teach our children—about science and language and also the stories of God. We could—thanks to technology and the calling to share God's Word—continue to worship (and even join worship in other congregations)—by radio, TV, Facebook, and youtube.
2. We can trust God. When we were uncertain or worried about the future, God was there as God always is. And now, with the miracle of vaccines, God provides a path back from fear to hope.
3. Even the worst challenges provide opportunities—I talked with a pastor who couldn't lead worship indoors so she began to have parking lot worship and used loudspeakers so people could hear while spread out or in their cars. One day she noticed that the neighbors were sitting in their backyards during worship time—they were listening—and some of them were hearing the Word of God for the first time. At Our Savior's—with our radio broadcast and Facebook presence—we too have people listening in, more than you might imagine. We have 284 members of our Facebook page (where we broadcast our worship) and our recent worship had 414 views (of all or part of our worship). Neighbors near and far are listening.
4. We miss some “normal things” more than others. The truth is that some things we have done regularly at Our Savior's Church were not missed when we couldn't do them. So maybe we don't need to use our time and effort to return to those things. On the other hand, some things were sorely missed, and people rejoiced when they returned. The most obvious winner was Fellowship Time after worship. The day we opened up that space and served coffee and goodies, I couldn't believe the excitement and the noise. Likewise, when WOW was back, what a joyful noise I heard.
5. Germs are bad. Whether we have Coronavirus in our midst or not, we learned that the Church does not want to be a spreader of illness. So maybe we will continue to stay home or mask when we are sick, to wash our hands more, to use sanitizer, to be especially careful as we serve Holy Communion or food in the church to keep each other safe.

I was accused of enjoying the pandemic shutdown by those not happy with masking or vaccines or our decision to cancel classes or traditions like Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship. I promise you I had no joy in following the rules myself, much less enforcing them, yet we did so to protect our neighbors..

I do find joy in the freedom to be together and hopefully safe, as we return to the customs that help us to worship and serve God, the celebrations and sorrows that we acknowledge among God's people, and the routines that we follow as our spiritual disciplines—Bible study, prayer, regular worship and Communion.

I wish you a joyful return to the things that strengthen you in your faith walk as well.

Pastor Brian

Children's Ministries

WOW has kicked off with a great team of help! We have approximately 65 kids in attendance each week. Each week the kids partake in a Bible story & lesson, music, crafts & games. We have transitioned to a station format for the WOW program this year to help alleviate the workload on each classroom & it has been very well received by the helpers & students.

Each week for WOW suppers we serve anywhere from 80-100 meals. We could certainly use some help in the kitchen preparing WOW meals as well as serving & clean up. We also are looking for donations of ground beef for the WOW meals as each week we utilize 5-8 lbs. of meat to prepare the meal. If you would like to donate meat or assist in the kitchen, please let Caitlin Hoots (malpertinsurance@nvc.net) or Dana Lewis (dana@redfieldenergy.com) know.

Coupon Collection

If you have coupons for the box, bring them to the church kitchen. The military families appreciate the help these give them on their living expenses. They don't need to be cut out. Thanks to Brenda Davis who continues this project.

Blood Drives

Our Savior's will host and sponsor a blood drive on November 15. Donors are needed and can register online at Vitalant.org. The hours to donate will be 11:20 am – 5:30 pm

Kitchen Notes

We are using our kitchen more as we serve WOW, family get-togethers, funerals and other gatherings. Several of you have mentioned that you have forgotten how to run either the Coffee Machine and/or the Dishwasher. Kari Schultz has said – “I will be glad to do a quick course on either of these or both if someone wants to either learn for the first time or just refresh their memory.” So, give Kari or the church office a call and she will schedule a time.

We would also like to encourage the use of the dishwasher as often as possible. The dishes coming out have been sanitized and so do not pose a contamination problem and it also will save on the cost of paper products and garbage disposal.

Women of the ELCA, OSL

The 2021 Quilts, Personal Care Kits and the School Kits have been assembled, boxed and were delivered to the LWR Truck at Zion Lutheran Church in Aberdeen on Friday, October 1st by the Dangels.

This year Our Savior's Lutheran Church is sending 73 Quilts, 231 School Kits and 36 Personal Care Kits to brothers and sisters around the world by way of the Lutheran World Relief Organization. Great Work everyone who took part in this annual project. As always, you have done a magnificent job and thank you for the gift of your time and your loving efforts to make this happen every year! Special Thanks to Team Dangel for loading and delivering 39 Boxes (970 pounds) to the Aberdeen Truck!

These fantastic numbers represent the items from only this past year, as we were fortunate to find a truck to take our boxes in 2020, due to Pastor Brian's persistence! Many congregations in the Northern Plains Conference were unable to secure a truck last fall and had no choice but to place their boxes in storage until this year...so we can be ever thankful that we were able to continue our annual shipments both years! Once Again, Many Thanks to All!

Kari Schultz

YOUTH CENTER

The Redfield Area Ministerial Association and the Spink County Coalition are working together to re-open the Youth Center and use it for an after-school program. There will be a small cost to this program and volunteers will be needed to run it. Contact LeAnn Wasmoen if interested or you have questions.

Needle Workers Needed

Is there someone looking for a project to do at home to help those in need? Kathy Yungwirth has for years made baby caps for Global Ministries. These are given to little babies to help stabilize their temperature. We have some donated yarn here at the church for these caps but need someone to make them. If you are interested call the church office and we will get the directions for you.

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 10 am – Fellowship Additions listed weekly			WOW 4:40 pm – WOW Classes 5:30 pm - Meal 6:00 pm – Worship 6:35 pm – FINK Event Additions listed weekly		1	2
3	4	5 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	6	7 7:30 am–Bible Study 10 am–Dean meeting 11 am – Food Truck 11:45 am – Senior Center devotions	8	9
10	11	12 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	13 2:00 pm – Lakeside Devotions	14 7:30 am – Bible Study 10:00 am – Support to Ministries	15 12:00 pm – Ministerial Assn.	16
17 Deacons deliver Communion 7:00 pm – Church Council	18	19 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	20 1:30 pm – Love Circle 6:35 pm - LYO	21 7:30 am – Bible Study 10 am–Dean meeting 11:45 am–Senior Center devotions 2:00 pm – Faithful Readers, F H	22	23
24	25 Deliver Senior Meals	26 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	27	28 7:30 am – Bible Study	29	30
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2021

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

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

September 2021 Statistics

Baptisms: Peyton Paige Marlow
 Deaths: Ruth Swanson, Lennart Anderson
 Marriage: Taylor & Brittney Shantz
 There were no transfers in or out.

Gifts - Memorial & Honor

Endowment Fund –

In memory of Pastor Al Goldhammer from
 Vonnie Richter

Operating Fund –

In memory of Ruth Swanson from Dale & Lisa
 Lewis

Organ Fund –

In memory of Lennart Anderson from Tim &
 Sheila Odland

Sanctuary/Pew Fund –

In memory of Pastor Al Goldhammer from Alan
 & Diann Steinheuser, Bob & Marlene Brugger,
 Francelle Fuss, Keith & Linda Schroeder

In memory of Jim Ringgaard from Francelle Fuss
 In memory of Ruth Swanson from Keith &
 Linda Schroeder

In memory of Ruth Swanson from Alan & Diann
 Steinheuser, Vonnie Richter, Clark & Rosa Davis,
 Dick & Eileen Crawford, Kerry & Dawn Baird

Undesignated-

In memory of Ruth Swanson from Darrell &
 Colleen Rohlf, Gene & Karlene Stellmacher,
 Brenda Davis, Ruth Jessen, Sharon Rezek, Dawn
 & Brad Englund, Peggy Miller, Dave & Diane
 Willis, Boyden & Florence Frericks, Larry &
 Linda Wilford, Lorah & Rich Jankord, Tim &
 Sheila Odland, Carol Lund, Gordon & Thordys
 Blume

In memory of Velma Walder from Tim & Sheila
 Odland, Gordon & Thordys Blume

In memory of Mark Woledge from Tim &
 Sheila Odland

In memory of Phyllis Huber from Gordon &
 Thordys Blume

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

- ELW hymnals
- Endowment Fund
- Library Fund
- Sanctuary/Pew restoration
- Technology

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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 – 4:40 pm
WOW Supper – 5:30 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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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THANK YOU:

Wow! What a wonderful donation of cereal, mac-n-cheese and other items! What a blessing you all are to us here at the Good Samaritan Center!! We appreciate you all so much! What wonderful & dependable support!

Sincerely, Sherry & Penny, Co-Directors

We would like to thank Pastor Brian for the wonderful message and the ladies who served the meal at the funeral of our mother, grandmother and great grandmother! It was appreciated very much.

The Family of Ruth Swanson

Thank you so much for choosing me as a recipient for the OSL Scholarship. It is greatly appreciated and will help cover the costs of school!

Thank you again, Trista Frost

Thank you so much for the scholarship. I plan to use it towards tuition and books this year.

Thank you, Trevor Frost

Thank you for your continued support of the "Support our Troops Troopons" program. These coupons reach countless hands of grateful military members, families and children who express how helpful it is receiving coupons from.

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

Weekly Offerings – September 2021

Operating - \$ 7,325.00
World Hunger - \$ 25.00

VANCO – August 2021

Operating - \$ 1,670
Disaster Relief - \$ 10.00
Evangelism - \$ 10.00
Sanctuary Fund - \$ 20.00
World Hunger - \$ 10.00

FAITHFUL READERS

The book club will meet in the OSL church Fellowship Hall at 2 pm on October 21 to discuss the book The Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kam Michele Richardson. The next meeting will be December 16. We will discuss the book The Shop on Blossom Street. by Debbie Macomber.