

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

***"Messenger"***

**October, 2023**

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

**WORSHIP HELP**

Volunteers are needed to fill many jobs here at the church, especially for Sunday morning worship.

Lectors, ushers, Communion setup and servers and furnishing treats for Fellowship. There is a chart on the table in the back of the sanctuary listing these services and a space to sign up.

Diane Dangel says she is willing to train people to do the communion setup. It is not complicated. Only takes some time and you don't have to do public speaking. Diane says the training is much to do one or two at a time rather than a large group. Call her at (472-1942) to set a time to be trained and take your turn. If there are more volunteers we can schedule Holy Communion every Sunday.

Treats for Coffee Fellowship are also needed. If you do not feel you can serve just sign up to bring treats. The chart has two columns, one to furnish and one to serve. There are several people that are willing to make the coffee and set it out. Other wise we may end up just enjoying coffee and fellowship.

**CONFIRMATION**

Thirteen of our young adults will reaffirm their baptism on Sunday, October 29, 2023 through Confirmation. They were all brought to the church by their parents to be baptized and now they, as young adults, publicly reaffirm that commitment to Christ. Our congregation has been blessed to have known most of these confirmands their entire lives. We watched them be baptized and as they took their First Communion. Please pray for them as they journey into adulthood, both in their faith and in their life.

**SINGERS NEEDED**

**This year's Community Cantata** will be held on Sunday, December 10th at 4:00p.m. at the Redfield Public School Theatre. Practices will start on Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m. The remaining practices will be on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. Everyone that enjoys singing is invited to join us!!

## FROM THE PASTOR

Some things are always a bit of a mystery and that's okay. There are some things that we cannot fully explain, but we can experience. You could explain love all day long. You could go on about dopamine, oxytocin, and the desire to ensure the survival of one's line. Yet all of that could be swept away and cast in the shadows by a single moment of experiencing love. Straightforward words don't always do the job. Love might be better understood by poetry, full of allusions and wildly inaccurate analogies than by any technically accurate, chemical explanation, because the sum of love is so much more than its parts. It is greater than our ability to explain it. It is like so many things that are important to us that way. It's hard to define family in a way that can actually cover all of the permutations of a strong family bond yet isn't so broad that it doesn't mean much.

Likewise our ability to explain God isn't all that. The Bible can tell us a lot about God, but can any of it compare to experiencing God? We gather to read the words about God written in the Bible every week, but the Bible is not God. It is words written on pages that at its best offers us a glimpse into the reality of God. The Bible is meaningful, I would hope deeply meaningful, for us, but it is not the totality of God. God is so much greater than we can express with our everyday words. Our ability to explain the mystery of God, from baptism to the Holy Trinity is limited and it can fall far short. However, our ability to experience God is tremendous. We experience God in worship, in prayer, in the waters of baptism, in the community of believers, in the bread and wine, the hearing of the word, in the fellowship around the table, and during coffee hour. We experience God in the seasons of our lives, in love, in suffering, in joy, in silence, and in small moments. We experience God in the world; in a newborn's smile, in the warmth of the sun, in the growth of a field, in the touch of a friend's hand, in the beauty of turning leaves, and in the stillness of a frost covered world.

May you experience the wonder of God this month.

Pastor Joy

## Church Council Notes

Approved August Council minutes and accepted the treasurer's reports.

A policy will be drafted concerning social media Live Feeds at OSL.

Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits will be delivered to Good Shepherd in Aberdeen November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Confirmation Sunday is October 29<sup>th</sup>.

All Saints Sunday and First Communion is November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Joy will attend a virtual Boundaries Workshop through the Synod Office.

Next meeting is October 15, time to be determined.

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 5 is All Saints Sunday. We will remember those that have died in the last year at both our Wednesday evening worship on November 1 and Sunday worship on November 5. If you have family or a close friend you would like to be included please let the office know by Sunday, October 29. A candle will be lit in remembrance of them and they will be listed in the bulletin.

## Lutefisk Lovers

Carol Lund has tickets for the lutefisk supper at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clark. Carol's phone number is (605) 472-2240. They are only selling a limited number of tickets and when that number is reached they will not be selling any more.

## **Children's Ministry WOW**

WOW classes have begun. We welcome around 60 kids from age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade each week for music, Bible stories, crafts, journaling, and more. If you would like to help out, please let us know. Our theme for this fall is Fruits of the Spirit based on the passage in Galatians 5:22-23 reminding us to have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Bibles will be handed out to students on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the 6:00 worship service. We give Beginner's Bibles to the 4-year-old class and Adventure Bibles to the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. If you have a child older than one of those years who was missed, please let Melissa know, and we'll get an extra Bible set aside for your child.

First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 am worship service. Class will be held on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall. This class is for students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades and their parent(s) or guardian(s). If you have an older child who hasn't had First Communion, you are welcome to join in with them. Please let the office know in advance so we have enough supplies for everyone. If your child is receiving First Communion, you are more than welcome to invite baptismal sponsors, family members, and friends to this special day!

October 18<sup>th</sup> - No WOW classes or supper. We will still have worship that evening at 6:00.

WOW kids will sing in worship on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Come and hear the joyful noises they will make unto the Lord!

*Melissa Zastrow*

## **SANCTUARY UPDATE**

We are enjoying having all our wood pieces back from the South Dakota prison woodshop. They brighten up the sanctuary and allow the beautiful wooden inlaid crosses to be visible. This restoration process took many months because they only had limited space to be able to work on a few pews at a time. Then the pandemic came along and work even at the prison slowed as people were ill or unable to work together.

At the present time we are awaiting the arrival of the new pew cushions. The factory hopes to have them here sometime in October. When they deliver the cushions they will also install the ones on the kneeling rails in the front of the church.

Following their delivery plans and priorities will be considered by the committee and a decision will be made on the next step. We realize it is taking time but we want to be sure to do all the steps in the correct order so nothing has to be changed as the work continues and we need to be able to pay for each part of the project as it is completed. One step at a time. So patience is needed.

## **FOOD PANTRY**

Remember our neighbors in need by furnishing items for the grocery cart in the back of the Sanctuary. Any shelf stable food item and other necessities like bathroom tissue, soap, tissues etc. is always welcome. These items are delivered weekly as the need is so great.

# October

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> 9 am – Worship, Communion 10 am - Fellowship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study 11 am – Food Truck	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9 am – Worship 10 am - Fellowship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study	<b>13</b> 12 pm – Ministerial	<b>14</b> Wedding, Shawn Doren & Tiffany Tietz
<b>15</b> 9 am – Worship, Deacons Deliver Communion 10 am – Fellowship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	<b>18</b> NO WOW, Supper or Confirmation  6 pm - Worship	<b>19</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study 1:30 pm – Love Circle at Lakeside	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9 am – Worship 10 am - Fellowship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9 am – Worship, Affirmation of Baptism 10 am – Fellowship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	<b>WOW Schedule</b> 4:40 pm – WOW Classes 5:30 pm - Meal 6:00 pm – Worship 6:35 pm – Confirmation			

2023

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 Kim and Scott Roeber  
 Jake & Amy Rissman  
 7 April Bowar  
 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  
 KennedyFast  
 14 Tracy Pochop  
 Elaina Schmitt

18 Elizabeth Fixsen  
 Easton Pochop  
 Ryder Salonen  
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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  
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 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 2023 Statistics**  
 There were no baptisms, deaths, marriages, transfers in or out.

**Gifts - Memorial & Honor**

**Undesignated-**

In memory of Harry Fischer from Sandra Blume, Dawn & Kerry Baird, Herb & Shirley Stellmacher, Sonja Gabriel, Ruth Jessen Peggy Miller, Clark & Diane Roeber, Francelle Fuss

In memory of Donnie Gabriel from Eileen Crawford, Dawn & Kerry Baird, Carol Lund, Clark & Rossa Davis, Diane & Clark Roeber, Gordon & Thordys Blume

**Sanctuary**

In memory of Donnie Gabriel from Alan & Diann Steinheuser

**Sanctuary Screens**

In memory of Shirley Felchle from:  
 Debra Hagen, Mikel & Lori Pommer, Alan & Diann Steinheuser, Gail & Mary O'Donnell, Keith & Linda Schroeder, Darrel & Colleen Rohlf, Gordon & Thordys Blume, Francelle Fuss, Eileen Crawford, Ruth Jessen, Alan Maddox, Jim & Julie Becker, Sonja Gabriel, Peggy Miller, Dave & Stacey Marlow, Dale & Leanna Stellmacher, Wally & Sandy Lien, Herb & Shirley Stellmacher, Gene & Karlene Stellmacher, Pat & Gary Junker, Dale & Paulette Heesch, Carol Lund, Bob & Marlene Brugger, Clark & Rosa Davis, Clark & Diane Roeber, Dawn & Kerry Baird, Delbert & Janelle Fortin, Richard & Mary Schneider, Clarice Nystrup, Dane & Debra Sanger

**Sound System**

In memory of Shirley Felchle from Tim & Sheila Odland

In memory of Harry Fischer from Tim & Sheila Odland

In memory of Donnie Gabriel from Tim & Sheila Odland

In memory of Lonnie Scriver from Tim & Sheila Odland

**Approved Memorial wish list includes:**

- Endowment Fund
- Library Fund
- Sanctuary
- Technology
- Radio Broadcast

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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 Kid's Classes (4 yr-6<sup>th</sup>) – 4:40 pm**

**WOW Supper – 5:30 pm**

**WOW Worship – 6:00 pm**

**Confirmation – 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**

Pastor Joy Proper

Thordys Blume, Secretary

Della Osborn, Custodian

Dana Lewis, Treasurer

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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## THANK YOU:

*(name omitted in September, sorry Cole.)* Thank you so much  
for the quilt. I will use it as a nice blanket in the  
winter. Cole Schroeder

**Thank you to those delivering meals in  
September – Lois Masat, Henry & Diane  
Dunkel, and Joy Proper.**

Dear OSL, Thank you for your continued support to  
the Tri Co Good Samaritan Center. It is a blessing  
to so many people. We greatly appreciate all you do  
for our communities. May the Lord bless you all for  
your generosity and faithfulness. Sincerely, Penny  
Ihnen Brown and Sherry Wurtz, Co-Directors

**Dear OSL family, Thank you for helping to send  
us to church camp. We enjoyed it very much. I,  
Malachi, liked the games Eliminator and  
Capture the Flag. I, Zoe, liked boating and  
meeting new people. I, Micah, enjoyed fishing  
and paddle boarding. Our Bible studies were  
about seeing God in the world around us.  
Zoe, Micah, Malachi Zastrow**

## CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

### Weekly Offerings – September 2023

Operating - \$ 9,270.29

Camperships - \$ 115.00

Woyaton in honor of Pastor Joy - \$ 366.00

World Hunger - \$ 50.00

### VANCO – VANCO 2023

Operating - \$ 1,475.74

Sanctuary - \$ 20.00

## FAITHFUL READERS

The book club will meet in the OSL  
church library at 2 pm on October 19 to discuss  
the book, To Love Anew by Bonnie Leon. The  
book for December will be A Christmas  
Memory by Richard Paul Evans. Most of the  
books are in our church library-Book Club  
Shelf. Some of them are also available in the  
city library. We welcome you to join us for  
discussion and fellowship.