

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

***"Messenger"***

**November 2023**

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

## **THANKSGIVING DINNER**

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner will again be available from the Senior Center on Thanksgiving Day. This meal is a project of the Area Ministerial Association. It will be pick-up and delivery only. To order your meal call Lisa @ 605 472-1552 before 3:00 pm on Wednesday, November 22. Only 150 meals will be prepared so get your order in early.

## **Christmas Event**

The Redfield Area Arts Council will present the annual cantata "A Noel Celebration" on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in the Redfield Public School Theatre. Practices are being held each Sunday evening at 7 pm in the Theatre. Singers are welcome to join us. Everyone is invited to share this community celebration.

### **ADDRESSES & PHONE #**

**PLEASE** keep the office informed when you have a NEW ADDRESS. The post office charges Our Savior's the going First Class rate each time a newsletter is returned because of an address change. They do not forward these.

We need new phone numbers (*when you drop your landline*) also when you make a change to your email address. All this information can be emailed.

## **CONFIRMATION**

On Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, twelve young people affirmed the vows that their parents and sponsors on their behalf at the time of their baptism, confirming their Christian faith and desire to live their lives in Christ.

Making these promises were:

Nicolas Becker son of John & Melissa Becker

Hunter Binger, son of Jason & Michelle Binger

Collin Dean, son of Jon & Erin Betten and Travis Monson

Jayde Englund, daughter of Brad & Dawn Englund

Noah Johnson, son of Sarah Gregg and Steven Johnson

Murphy Lewis, Daughter of Rob & Dana Lewis

Mikael Nielson, son of Larry Nielson and Jennifer Boerger

Maddon Odland, son of Clayton & Alison Odland

Kyara Ratigan, daughter of Robert & Kelly Ratigan

Mikaela Schmitt, daughter of Robert & Michelle Schmitt

Katelyn Schroeder, daughter of Jim & Erin Schroeder

Adalyn Stoner, daughter of Cody & Shelby Stoner

## **From the Pastor's Desk**

Death is hard. That isn't to say that death isn't sometimes peaceful or contented or even a blessing. But for those left behind, the reality is still ugly and painful. We have all of these connections, all of this love, all of this relationship, and suddenly it's gone. Things are lost that can't be retrieved. If a couple loses a child, they can't just have another child and have it all be okay. How many of you have stopped having pets because it's too painful to lose another one? And as much as I love my pup, and y'all know I do (possibly way too much), she's my pup, not my child. It's not the same. The loss of an important person in our lives leaves a big hole, one that we can never fill up quite the same way again. It's like when you break a cup. You can repair it, but it'll never be like it once was. The scar of the break will always be there. Some things can't be undone.

Unless of course, your name is Lazarus and you are friends with Jesus. But even in the case of Lazarus, as someone pointed out, "It's a temporary fix to a permanent problem." Lazarus could still catch a cold the next day. Life doesn't stop being life. We catch diseases and we inflict pain on each other. Look at what humanity did to Jesus and to his disciples. Even look at the family of Lazarus for people hurting each other. Martha wants Mary publicly rebuked for listening to Jesus rather than helping out. Later, Mary's pain causes her to lash out at Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." We excel at hurting each other in ways large and small. It seems it's what we do with our own pain and bitterness. And this is the life that people would ask why God doesn't extend it for them.

But what God offers is something different, not just an extension of this life, but new life, eternal life. Something as different from your body as that of the resurrected Christ. A new city and a new Earth. A world where God dwells in the midst of the people, caring for and comforting them. A world where God will wipe every tear from their eyes, not in a blank erasure of what they have been through, but in a gesture of tenderest love, in mercy and comfort, and an acknowledgement of their pain, where a chance is given to have a fresh relationship no longer bound by pain and fear, no longer shadowed by death. A world where love doesn't stop at the grave. Where

death loses its power. Where fear, shame, and pain have no hold and where bitterness has no place. But a place where comfort is given, and love, mercy, and compassion rule. One where God brings together all of God's people, not just those here and now, but of all times and all places. Where all the saints are joined together at the table. Where the great cloud of witnesses is made manifest.

We seek what we already know, but slightly longer, slightly better. What God offers us is something more. God offers us an entirely new way of being and relating. Not just less suffering or an absence of pain, but the presence of love and compassion. And no longer the shadow of death, but the presence of God in the midst of the people. Not just to break chains, but to wipe away tears. To no longer be separated by the grave, but united in Christ. That is God's promise. To gather all God's people, not just this tiny band here and now, but to gather all of the saints. To be together at the feast that is to come. To be as one in God. Of all languages, and colors, and dress, and worship styles, of all football teams, of all political beliefs, all understandings, of all denominations, of all times and places. All united by God's love and care to be the saints in truth.

Pastor Joy

## **Church Council Summary October 15, 2023**

President Randy called the meeting to order; Pastor Joy shared a devotional. The secretary's report was approved and the treasurer's reports were accepted.

Open Church Council positions for 2024 are Vice President, Welcome and Outreach Committee, and Children's Ministries.

Fellowship Hour will include the use of "coffee fund" money to purchase cookies from Subway on the first Sunday of each month beginning in January 2024.

Council approved OSL's Social Media Live Feel Policy, effective immediately.

Council approved the purchase of a Toshiba black and white printer/copier from Office Peeps.

Committee reports reviewed.

Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting November 19, 2023 at 10:15 am.

# W O W

Christmas program is coming up. Save the dates of Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 pm and Sunday, December 17 at 10:15 am. We look forward to having the kids share a Christmas message with family and friends!

We continue learning about the fruits of the spirit this fall. We've talked about love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and generosity. We have a few fruits to learn about in the upcoming weeks. Ask your kids about what they learn each week!

There are no WOW classes, supper, worship or confirmation classes on November 22. Enjoy your Thanksgiving!

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Due to inappropriate content being posted on the churches Facebook page, anyone joining the page will not be allowed to post comments without permission for 30 days after you join. The administrators have to give this permission during your first 30 days. They are Pastor Joy, Ray Dunn, Dana Lewis and Melissa Zastrow.

Because of privacy concerns being raised, Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council has adopted a policy for broadcasting the worship service. The policy is: "Worship services may be livestreamed. All those 6 rows from the front will appear on the video. We will have an image on the screen during communion."

Parents of WOW students sign a waiver at the time of registration to cover the times they may be participating in a livestreamed worship service.

## Women of the ELCA, OSL

2023 Quilts and Kits for Lutheran World Relief has been a great success. As always, thank You, to all who played a part in the construction of the beautiful quilts, the assembly and packaging of the personal care kits and the school kits, and all of the detail that makes this annual project such a loving success.

Thank you, to each and every person involved in the Annual Production of the Quilts and Kits Project, from beginning to end, from the packing to the delivery, you are all magnificent contributors to the OSL Team...God's Work, Our Hands!

This year, we are shipping:

**54 Quilts,**

**67 Personal Care Kits, and**

**246 School Kits!!**

A special thanks to Doug & Diane Dangel and Jim Ellenson for donating their time and trucks to deliver these boxes to Aberdeen on November 4<sup>th</sup>, where the boxes will then be placed on the truck that will ship them to the Lutheran World Relief Distribution Center in St Paul, Minnesota. Ultimately, the Quilts and Kits will be shipped across the world to many destinations and into the hands of those in need. **Well Done, Everyone!!**

~Kari Schultz, W/elca

(POINT of INTEREST: We have posted an update on the bulletin board showing the location destinations of the Quilts and Kits as well as the number of items that were shipped in 2022...it is astounding to see what can happen when many congregations come together in an effort to reach out to help others.)

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# November

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b> 9:00 am – Worship 10:00 Fellowship <b>Additions listed weekly</b>			<b>1</b> <b>Additions listed weekly</b> 4:40 pm – WOW Classes 5:30 pm – Supper 6:00 pm - Worship 6:35 pm – Confirmation	<b>2</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study 11 am – Food Truck	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> First Communion All Saints Sunday 7 pm – Cantata practice	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 7 pm – Cantata practice	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study 1:30 pm – Love Circle, Lakeside	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10:15 am – Church Council 7 pm – Cantata practice	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Life Serve Blood Drive, 12-5:30 pm 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	<b>22</b> NO WOW activities Thanksgiving Break	<b>23</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>24</b> Office Closed	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 7 pm – Cantata practice	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:30 am – Bible Study		

2023

1 Corina McClain  
Kolby VanDerWerff  
2 Scott Brink  
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4 Brad & Kristina Jessen  
Turner Lewis  
Tory Betten  
5 Mike & Bev Rogers  
6  
7 Coyer Stroud  
Nolan Jessen  
8  
9 Christian Rohrbach  
10 Landon Rohlfs  
11 Henry Dunkel  
12 Stan & Kari Schultz  
Eli Englund  
13 Colleen Rohlfs  
Damen Pochop  
Al Felchle  
14 Scott Hamilton  
Jeff & Staci Uzzle  
15 Christen Rose  
Stacey Marlow  
16  
17  
18 Randy Maddox  
19 Lucille Lutter  
Karli Kraft  
Sierra Minnick

20 Ethan Perez  
21 Nicole Roth  
22 Larry Price  
Amy Rissmann  
Alan & Diann Steinheuser  
23  
24 Alan Steinheuser  
Ken Swanson  
Matthew Jessen  
Tucker Bohl  
25 April Schulte  
JP Spotanske  
26 Gordon Blume  
Vonnie Richter  
Noah Johnson  
27 Tony Weinzirl  
28 Ashley Pies  
29 Bryce Hochhalter  
Rayna Roach  
30 Scott & Paula Hamilton

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

## Memorial Gifts

### Screens:

in memory of Shirley Felchle

### Approved Memorial wish list includes:

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

## October 2023 Statistics

Confirmed: Nicolas Becker, Hunter Binger, Collin Dean, Jayde Englund, Noah Johnson, Murphy Lewis, Mikael Nielson, Maddon Odland, Kyara Ratigan, Mikaela Schmitt, Katelyn Schroeder, Adalyn Stoner

There were no Baptisms, Deaths, Marriages, Transfers in or out.

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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:

Thank you so much for your continued support collecting grocery items for the Tri Co. Good Samaritan Center. You have kept our shelves stocked. We are seeing an increased demand from those asking for help to feed their families. May the Lord bless you all for your generosity and faithfulness. Penny Ihnen Brown & Sherry Wurtz, Co-Directors

**Thank you for the cards and memorials in Donnie's memory from Sonja Gabriel and family.**

## CARING INFORMATION

Please keep Pastor Joy and/or the church office posted if you or a family member is hospitalized or confined to your home. This will enable Pastor to make a visit when you wish to see her. We will not list you in the bulletin unless you or an immediate family member requests, with your permission. This is done to respect everyone's privacy.

## CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

### Weekly Offerings – October 2023

Operating - \$ 10,990.25

Harvestfest - \$ 10.00

World Hunger - \$ 25.00

### VANCO – September 2023

Operating - \$ 1,601.88

Sanctuary - \$ 20.00

## FAITHFUL READERS

The book club will meet in the OSL church library at 2 pm on December 21 to discuss *A Christmas Memory* by Richard Paul Evans. We welcome you to join us for discussion and fellowship.

## LOSD SUMMER 2024

Registration for 2024 activities at Lutherans Outdoors facilities will open on November 13<sup>th</sup>. You can find all of the materials to prepare for summer camp at: [www.losd.org/congregations](http://www.losd.org/congregations).