

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

"Messenger"

November 2025

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

HARVESTFEST

The annual Harvestfest Celebration will be held on Sunday, November 9th at the 9 am worship service. Cyndi Bachman, nutrition site manager at the local Senior Center will join us at worship to share what the program provides and what their needs are. All special offerings will go to support this local program.

PIES FOR THANKSGIVING

The Redfield Area Ministerial Association will again be cooking the community Thanksgiving Dinner this year. Our Savior's is responsible for furnishing 3 Pumpkin Pies. They should be delivered to the church kitchen by noon on Wednesday, November 26. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter by the sound system. Please volunteer to provide these pies.

Help is also needed on Thursday. Call Melissa Rowenhorst at 605.472.0770 for times and to volunteer.

Any confirmation student who volunteers and helps out gets 8 points

Information Needed

As we continue to update the information in the computer we are finding several email addresses and current phone numbers missing. Please use the attendance sheets at worship to provide this updated info for your entire family. Thank you.

KITS & QUILTS

The annual Lutheran World Relief Kit & Quilt project was completed this fall. On October 4; 61 quilts, 277 School Kits and 90 Personal Care kits were delivered to the truck at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aberdeen. The items were taken to the LWR warehouse in the twin cities and will be distributed where ever there is a need in the world. The kits were assembled and packaged by Diane & Henry Dunkel and Diane & Doug Dangel. They were taken to the truck by the Dangels & Jim Ellenson.

The total weight of the items was 1220 pounds. Thank you to those helping and to everyone that furnished items and cash to complete the project. You can bring items to the church anytime for 2026.

WORLDWIDE SUFFERING

Please continue to pray for those impacted by war, weather and other disasters throughout the world. Lutheran Disaster Relief continues to serve immediate needs and will also be there throughout the entire recovery period, no matter how long that takes. All donations to both Disaster Relief and World Hunger will continue to provide relief for the people impacted both in the USA and other countries. The need is great.

From the Pastor's Desk

This is an excessively dog centric post, for which I apologize and promise to try not to do again.

My dog, Veda, was in bad shape when I got her. She was underfed, missing almost half of her fur, and limping from a dog bite. Her manners left something to be desired as well, as she bit things when mad, and did not understand that pottying was a strictly outside activity. However, when a fancy breed of dog is free on Craigslist, it's not wholly unexpected either. You simply prepare to pay in vet bills and training time.

I took her to the low cost vet clinic in town to get her spayed and started on her shots. When I came to pick Veda up, the vet wanted to have a talk with me about her skin. Even though Veda wasn't there for that, they'd given her a shot of antibiotics because her skin was so angry and inflamed and they strongly advised me to take her to a full service vet clinic to have her skin treated. (Me nodding, "She has an appointment on Tuesday at (Other Vet Place).") A sharp look and "How long have you had this dog?" "Since Saturday." Said with great relief, "Oh! You're a good dog parent!")

The next Tuesday, my dog was examined and the new vet said Veda definitely had an allergy to fleas, gave me special shampoo for her, and asked for a canine stool sample to test. That test ended up revealing a robust intestinal parasite infection. Veda got some pills and when she was done with them, they tested her again, they discovered she was also badly infested with another intestinal parasite that had been missed under the other infestation. There were yet more pills and Veda's hair began to grow back.

However, Veda's skin was still red and itchy, so they did a blood test for environmental allergies. Yes, Veda is

allergic to flea bites. She has an allergy to olive trees. (I still find it baffling that that's a thing.) She is also allergic to storage mites. Storage mites are tiny creatures that are related to dust mites and considered impossible to eliminate. To try to keep the number of storage mites down, I cannot feed Veda from a large bag of dog food, her dog food should be kept in an airtight sealed container, I am supposed to vacuum daily, wash out her bowls daily, keep my mattress sealed and wash her bedding frequently.

This helped calm her skin down for years, but her skin issues have come back. Part of it appears to be that the grass allergies to three different common grasses she was expected to develop, according to her testing, have come to fruition. When it's the season for grass allergies, her skin turns brilliant pink and she chews herself until she bleeds. Yet there seems to be more to it, so she's on allergy medication and an elimination diet (I did not know this was a thing for dogs) to look for food allergies.

I know that I will never stop my dog's allergies entirely. I'm not that good (daily vacuuming?) and it's not that possible. I aim for comfort and quality of life though. And oddly enough, I've found myself thinking of her allergies in the light of sin lately.

There are some things that are impossible to get rid of: storage mites, every unkind thought, anger, selfishness. There are some things where I tend to fall short: vacuuming every day, interpreting the actions of others in the kindest light, washing the dog's bedding as frequently as I ought, making God my first priority over my comfort. Perfection is never going to happen. That doesn't mean that I shouldn't keep doing my best, picking myself up and trying again, trying new ways, and not giving up. There is also abundant reason to be grateful for forgiveness from the one who loves us still, despite our shortcomings.

Pastor Joy

Children's Ministry

November brings the start of the holiday season. Our WOW kids have been busy learning new music and parts for our upcoming Christmas program. We will have two performances, one on Wednesday, December 10th, and the second on Sunday December 14th. Please watch for announcements for these times.

No WOW on November 26th for Thanksgiving break.

YOUTH

Our LYO grades 7-12 youth church group will meet Wednesday, November 19th at 6:35p.m. I have been selecting a different group of youth to help plan each months events. This month the small group will plan "Friendsgiving". Games, food, fellowship, and a volunteer event are in the works.

Happy November, Amanda Evans

Endowment Committee

The OSL Endowment Committee awarded college scholarships to three individuals for the 2025-2026 school year. The amount of money available for scholarships is based on the earnings of the Endowment Fund from the prior year.

The following three students each received \$750: Camryn Rohlfs, daughter of Darrel and Colleen Rohlfs, is a junior at SDSU in Brookings. Josephine Hansen, daughter of Rev. Joshua and Karen Hansen, is a sophomore at Concordia University in Seward, NE. Jorgen Hansen, son of Rev. Joshua and Karen Hansen, is a senior at Augustana University in Sioux Falls. Jorgen is eligible for an additional \$500 from Augustana's PACT (Parish and College Together) Program.

Spiritual & Financial November Blood Drive

One of the events that Our Savior's sponsors twice each year is a blood drive for LifeServe, the supplier for our local hospital. The November drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday the 18th. Alane Pochop is the contact person for the drive.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

DECORATING - Are You Interested?

The Fellowship Hall was built in 1991. It was about the time when a group decided to decorate the tables with centerpieces. As the seasons changed, different centerpieces and decorations were displayed.

After decorating for the past 34 years, I would like to turn this project over to a new group to use their input and ideas. Presently there are totes of decorations for Christmas/Winter, Spring/Easter, Summer and Fall. Memorial funds could be requested to update some of the decorations.

On November 30 (first Sunday of Advent) during Coffee Fellowship, Christmas/Winter decorations will be put out. Volunteers are needed to help. I will be there to help that day.

Beginning in the new year I will turn the decorating project over to whoever would like to see decorations in the Fellowship Hall.

If interested in seeing this project continue, contact Linda Schroeder at 605-472-2425.

November

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Regular Sunday Schedule 9:00 am – Worship, Communion 10:00 Fellowship Additions listed weekly			Wednesday Schedule 5:00 pm – WOW Classes 6:00 pm - Worship 6:00-7:30 pm – Confirmation Changes listed weekly			1
2	3	4 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	5	6 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time Food Truck	7	8
9	10	11 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	12	13 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time 1:30 pm – Love Circle	14	15
16 Baptism Deacons deliver home Communion	17 Deliver Meals	18 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	19	20 7:30 am – Bible Study 9 am – Coffee Time	21 11:30 am - RAMA →	22
23	24	25 1 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	26 No Wednesday Activities	27 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29
30 First Sunday in Advent						

2025

NOVEMBER 2025

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| 1 | Corina McClain
Kolby VanDerWerff | 20 | Ethan Perez
Paivi Kranz |
| 2 | Scott Brink | 21 | Nicole Roth |
| 3 | | 22 | Larry Price
Amy Rissmann
Alan & Diann Steinheuser |
| 4 | Brad & Kristina Jessen
Turner Lewis
Tory Betten | 23 | |
| 5 | Mike & Bev Rogers | 24 | Alan Steinheuser
Ken Swanson
Matthew Jessen
Tucker Bohl |
| 6 | | 25 | April Schulte
JP Spotanske |
| 7 | Coyer Stroud
Nolan Jessen | 26 | Gordon Blume
Vonnie Richter
Noah Johnson |
| 8 | | 27 | Tony Weinzirl |
| 9 | Christian Rohrbach | 28 | Ashley Pies |
| 10 | Landon Rohlfs | 29 | Bryce Hochhalter
Rayna Roach |
| 11 | Henry Dunkel | 30 | Scott & Paula Hamilton |
| 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 | Aden Stoner | | |
| 18 | Randy Maddox | | |
| 19 | Lucille Lutter
Karli Kraft
Sierra Minnick | | |

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

Memorial Gifts

Undesignated:

In memory of Larry Rezaek from Gene & Karlene Stellmacher

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

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

October 2025 Statistics

Confirmed:

Hudson Michael Binger, Eli Everett Englund,
Logan Ray Jessen, Zoe Ann Zastrow

Transfer Out:

Justine Ranee Severson Kjellsen
There were no Baptisms, Deaths or Transfers in.

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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 – 5:00 pm
WOW Worship – 6:00 pm
6:00-7:30 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

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Della Osborn, Custodian

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**"Through the grace of God we are
worshipping, sharing, growing."**

THANK YOU:

Dear Friends from Our Savior's
Thank you so very much for your wonderful
donation of grocery items to the Tri Co. Good
Samaritan Center. We greatly appreciate all the
wonderful things you good folks do for this
home mission. Your faithful support is a great
blessing! May the Lord grant his richest
blessings upon His faithful and generous
servants. Than you again dear friends.
Sincerely, Penny Ihnen & Sherry Wurtz, Co-
Directors

**Dear Our Savior's, Thank you for the
scholarship for this year. I really appreciate
it and all the work you do for the Lord. Kind
regards, Jorgen Hansen**

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Kit
ministry for Lutheran Disaster Relief with your
donations of items and cash. Especially to
Henry & Diane Dunkel and Doug & Diane
Dangel for all the hours you have spent
completely this project, loading & delivery.

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY –

Weekly Offerings – October 2025

Operating - \$ 11,007.39

Disaster Relief - \$ 60.00

Noisy Bucket - \$ 136.04

VANCO – September 2025

Operating - \$ 1,611.88

Sanctuary - \$ 20.00

FAITHFUL READERS

The book club will meet in the OSL
church library at 2 pm on December 18 to
discuss Christmas in Bethel by Richard Paul
Evans. 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.**