

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota

"Messenger"

December 2021

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

Annual Meeting

We will meet on the third Sunday in January, (*January 16*) about 10:15 am for our annual meeting.

Nominations for Council needed:

President – 1 year term

Vice President – 1 year term

Worship Chairperson – 3 year term

Financial/Spiritual Gifts Chair – 3 year term

GOOD GIFTS

Christmas gifts that make a difference can be ordered online at ELCA.org/goodgifts. There are many ways to support the work of our church in the world. These can be given as a gift to someone or as a donation. Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law. You will receive a receipt of your gift for your records. For frequently asked questions and all the options of the ministries featured go to ELCA.org/goodgifts.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Cantata - On December 12 at 4 pm the Community Christmas Cantata will be presented at St. Bernard's Catholic Church.

WOW Program - The WOW students will present their Christmas program twice, on Wednesday, December 15, during worship at 6 pm and again on Sunday, December 19, at 10:30. Join our young people as they share the "News".

Christmas Caroling – Our FINKs and LYO youth will bring the cheer of the season around to several homes in the week before Christmas. We invite anyone else to go out caroling with us on December 15 from about 6:30-8:00 pm. Meet us after the WOW program. If you would like us to sing at your home, call Pastor Brian at church or at 450-5101.

Christmas Eve – Christmas Eve worship will be at 5:00 pm on December 24. Included will be special music, Holy Communion, and candle lighting.

December 26 – We will have a special songfest, learning about and singing Christmas Carols.

From the Pastor's Desk

Redemption and Generosity

As you may know, I am a Scroogian, a fan of the Charles' Dickens' classic A Christmas Carol. I have read the book and I have a favorite movie version, the musical "Scrooge."

Now I have another favorite, entitled "The Man Who Invented Christmas," which tells the story of Dickens writing and publishing his famous Christmas ghost story. In this movie, Dickens encounters a world in which the rich care little for the poor (I saw workhouses in Ireland and that "solution" to poverty was ghastly) and many died young (Tiny Tim?). Dickens discovered Scrooge in that world, but he also discovers a bit of Scrooge in himself and cannot finish writing the book until he finds his own redemption. I encourage you to see it if you can (presently showing on Hulu and available on DVD).

That is why I love A Christmas Carol—because I think there is a bit of miserly Scrooge in myself and each of us. And my Christmas isn't complete until I have found my own redemption and discovered how to live life a little more joyfully and generously.

I was struck by the title of this new movie, wondering how Dickens "invented Christmas." I was surprised to find that in England in 1843, Christmas had truly become a "minor holiday." It was this story that not only rejuvenated the celebration of Christ's birth but also stirred an out-pouring of generosity to the poor that is connected to Christmas still today.

As you hear John's call to repentance this Advent, may you recognize your own need for redemption and generosity, while there is still time.

Pastor Brian

Church Council Highlights

November 21, 2021

- Call to order by Karmen Weinzirl
- Devotions
- Council Minutes approved and Treasurer's Report accepted
- Pastor's report – two funerals; blood drive; First Communion; Grand Jury 2022?; Registered 4 for youth gathering; vacation days; Advent and Christmas planning
- Midco phone proposal received—will seek clarification
- Mission Sunday January 30, 2022
Pastor Jonathan Steiner
- Annual Meeting preparations – budget; staff interviews; annual report; sanctuary project report; nominating committee.
- LYO will go Christmas caroling on Wednesday, December 15, possibly with youth from other churches
- Christmas Program will be held on Wednesday, December 15th, during worship and Sunday, December 19th, at 10:30 following worship.
- Worship Committee – volunteers needed; banners for the season of Lent purchased by Lisa and Dale Lewis in memory of her parents; Melissa Zastrow leading worship December 5th; Christmas Eve worship 5:00 pm; December 26th worship is a hymn sing with Parish as song leader and Diane worship leader. The Worship Committee suggests the remaining money in the organ fund be used for technology and other related things.
- Buildings & Grounds—pews and furnishings in progress; sanctuary committee members working on comprehensive plan.
- W/ELCA—Thankoffering donations in November
- Welcome and Outreach –fall dinner summary; profits donated to local charities. Preparing list of prospective members.
- Next meeting is Sunday, December 19 at 7:00 pm

Youth Ministries

The LYO met in October to make lefse and in November to watch The Nativity Story. Lefse making was really fun for all of us and we look forward to doing it again! We will be caroling December 15.

The FINKs, our 8th and 9th graders, meet every Wednesday after worship and are learning about the Ten Commandments. We have a great bunch of kids that are active in our congregation.

Children's Ministries

WOW youth are busy preparing for our Christmas program each Wednesday. We will present the program on December 15 at 6 pm and again on Sunday at 10:30 am following worship. Join us to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

WELCOME & OUTREACH

Thank you to everyone that made Fall Dinner a success this year! After expenses, we raised approximately \$1,000. We will be requesting some matching funds from the Endowment Committee, and then the funds will be divided between three area charities. The lefse fundraiser made about \$200 for LYO. We really enjoyed doing this with them, and we will be doing it again next year! We are so grateful for all of you!

Kelly Ratigan and Dixie Jungwirth

Spiritual & Financial

We will soon be setting out the offering envelopes for 2022. If you do not need envelopes please let the office know. Any offering given that we can identify the giver will be posted to your account and you will receive a statement at the end of the year for tax preparation. Offerings for the 2021 tax year need to be in the office by December 29 to go on this years record.

Continue the Newsletter?

Do you read the newsletter? The print copy? the webpage? Or should it be discontinued? Or maybe less frequent?

Putting out a monthly newsletter involves significant expense and time – postage, paper, copies plus the time of the secretary, pastor and other contributors. So we wonder occasionally if people value this form of communication or if you have suggestions for how it can be done better, talk with Pastor Brian, Thordys or a council member or call the office to express your opinion. Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY

Donations

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations during our drive in November. Two tables were piled high with items. They were delivered on Thursday, December 2 to the Good Samaritan Center.

The grocery cart is always ready to receive donations and is usually delivered to the Pantry on a weekly basis. So continue to help those less fortunate in our community.

Coupon Collection

If you have coupons for the box, bring 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.

LIBRARY NOTES

Christmas Books and DVDs for adults and children are on display in the church library to be checked out. These are located on the cart.

Check out all the books and DVDs for both children and adults, especially during the colder winter days when quiet activities are needed.

December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 4:40 pm – WOW Classes 5:30 pm - Meal 6:00 pm – Worship 6:35 pm – FINK	2 7:30 am – Bible Study 10:00 am – Dean Call 11:00 am – Food Truck Pastor’s Vacation	3	4
5 9 am – Worship, No Communion 10 am – Fellowship 7 pm – Cantata practice Pastor’s vacation	6	7	8 4:40 pm – WOW Classes 5:30 pm - Meal 6:00 pm – Worship 6:35 pm – FINK	9 7:30 am – Bible Study	10	11 9:30 am- Cantata practice
12 9 am – Worship, Communion 10 am – Fellowship 4 pm - Cantata	13	14 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	15 2:00 pm – Lakeside 4:40 pm – WOW Classes 5:30 pm - Meal 6:00 pm – WOW Christmas program 6:35 pm – LYO	16 7:30 am – Bible Study 10:00 am – Dean Call	17 12:00 pm – RAMA	18
19 9 am – Worship, Communion Deacons deliver Communion 10:30 – WOW Christmas Program 3 pm - Nursing Home Worship 7 pm - Church Council	20	21 1:00 pm – Pastor’s Text Study	22 No WOW, supper, worship or FINK	23 7:30 am – Bible Study	24 5 pm - Worship	25 Pastor’s Vacation
26 9 am–Worship 10 am -Fellowship Pastor’s Vacation	27	28	29 No WOW, supper, worship or FINK	30 7:30 am – Bible Study	31	

2021

1 Doug Dangel
 2 Ella Wellnitz
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 4 John Spotanske
 Claire Masat
 Rollie Betten
 5 Sandy Binger
 6 Eileen Crawford
 Robert & Michelle Schmitt
 7 Loyal Schmidt
 Noelle Swanson
 Vince & Ellen Kay Marshall
 8
 9
 10 Sue Schelske
 11 Mary O'Donnell
 12 Dale Stellmacher
 Gail O'Donnell
 13 Danielle Brandner
 14 Deb Curtis
 Lisa Lewis
 15
 16 Karver Swanson
 Ryan Maunders
 Tim & Sheila Odland
 17 Dale & Leanna Stellmacher
 18
 19 Carl Sante
 Nick Schultz
 20 Pam Schmidt

21 Wes Swanson
 Christian Lewis
 Jeff Bankston
 Autumn Rose
 22 Nick Abbas
 Brook Stephens
 23
 24
 25
 26 Casey Bullough
 Braxton Maher
 Roger & Lois Masat
 27 Jim & Verna Ellenson
 28 Todd Harty
 Melissa Storley
 29 Linda Schroeder
 30 Brenda Hansen
 Ashley Masat
 Emily White
 Clae Hoots
 31 Tam Kolar

Please notify the office if there are errors or omissions on the list above so we can correct our records.

Memorial Gifts Received

Endowment Fund –

In memory of Allen Siefkes from Vonnie Richter

Sanctuary –

In memory of Elsie Feistner from Mary Feistner, Gene & Karlene Stellmacher, Keith & Linda Schroeder, Tim & Sheila Odland

In memory of Dick Crawford from Keith & Linda Schroeder, Alan & Diann Steinheuser, Clark & Rosa Davis, Gordon & Thordys Blume, Carol Lund

In memory of Allen Siefkes from Alan & Diann Steinheuser, Gordon & Thordys Blume, Carol Lund

Undesignated -

In memory of Allen Siefkes from Henry & Diane Dunkel, Tim & Sheila Odland

In memory of Dick Crawford from, Henry & Diane Dunkel, Tim & Sheila Odland, Sharon Rezek, Butch & Diane Odegaard, Herb & Shirley Stellmacher

Approved Memorial wish list includes:

- Cameroon Roofs
- ELW hymnals
- Endowment Fund
- Library Fund
- Portable microphones
- Projection Equipment
- Radio Broadcast Sponsors
- Tables of various sizes

November 2021 Statistics

Death: Dick Crawford
 Transfers out: Andrew Roeber
 There were no baptisms, marriages 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.

Wednesday
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
Church Office – 472-2640
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Our Savior's Lutheran Staff
Brian Wasmoen, Pastor
Thordys Blume, Secretary
Della Osborn, Custodian
Lisa Lewis, Treasurer

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

THANK YOU:

To Pastor Brian and the funeral Committee.
Thank you for all you did to provide a
wonderful service for Dick. We really
appreciate it. The family of Dick Crawford,
Eileen, Marlene, Pat, Bill & Linda and
families.

**Thank you to those that helped prepare
our church building for the Advent and
Christmas seasons.**

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY – Weekly Offerings – November 2021

Operating - \$ 8,823.00
World Hunger - \$ 25.00

VANCO – October 2021

Operating - \$ 1,127.40
Disaster Relief - \$ 10.00
Evangelism - \$ 10.00
Sanctuary – \$ 20.00
World Hunger - \$ 10.00

FAITHFUL READERS

The book club will meet in the OSL
church Fellowship Hall at 2 pm on Thursday,
December 16, to discuss the book The Shop on
Blossom St. by Debbie Macomber.

The new Reading List for 2022 is now
available. Copies are on the west shelf above
the label "Book Club."