

This Week at Our Savior – April 22-29

Sunday	GIFT Ministry	9am
	Coffee Hour	9am
	Worship w/ Planting Blessing	10am
	Worship @ Careage	1:30pm
Monday	Sewing/Tying Group	9:30am
	Staff Meeting	2pm
	<i>WSC Concert</i>	<i>7:30pm</i>
Tuesday	Bible Study @ Tacos & More	6:45am
Wednesday	Visitation Ministry Group (rescheduled from the 18 th)	1pm
	Confirmand Pictures	6pm
	Confirmation	6:30pm
	HS Youth Group	6:30pm
	Choir	7pm
Thursday	Bible Study @ Brookdale	10:30am
Friday	Great Bible Stories @ Careage	10am
	Wedding Rehearsal	5:30pm
Saturday	Wedding	3pm
	Worship	5:30pm
Sunday	GIFT Ministry	9am
	Coffee Hour	9am
	Worship w/ Rite of Confirmation	10am

JOIN US... FOR Coffee Hour.



The *Coffee Hour* is held prior to worship, 9:00am, on Sunday morning in the church narthex.

Please join us each week for *Coffee Hour* and take advantage of this opportunity for Christian Fellowship.

READINGS

The lectionary readings for April 28 & 29 will be Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.

BE INVITATIONAL

Invite someone to worship with you. All of us know someone who needs the Lord and a place to worship and serve. In your circle of influence be an influence for Jesus Christ. **Your invitation will make a difference in that person's life!**

Welcome & Announcements

WELCOME!

A joyous welcome to you all! We are here to celebrate the glorious victory of Christ over sin and death. Let us rejoice exuberantly and give God the glory. Hallelujah! The Lord lives and reigns. Forever and forever. **We ask all worshippers to please share with us their presence by completing a Worship Register and placing it in the offering plate.** *The Worship Registers can be found in the hymnal racks.*

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Hearing devices are available at the sound tech desk at the back of the sanctuary.

RADIO BROADCAST

In honor of Ruth Grone Maier's 90th birthday. Radio broadcast of our Sunday morning worship service can be heard live on AM 1590 and FM 98.9.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

As a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we encourage and welcome you to join in Holy Communion. We commune because Jesus told us to do so to remember him. In remembering him, our faith is strengthened as together we "proclaim the Lord's death" for the world and for forgiveness of sins. Communion is received by intinction. Ushers will assist you.

Clear grape juice is provided for those who prefer an alternative to wine and **Gluten free wafers** are available—please let the communion assistant know.

JOIN US FOR GIFT (Growing in Faith Together)

GIFT Sunday School held on **Sunday mornings at 9am!** They meet in the Sanctuary for an opening and then head to the multi-purpose room. Feel free to join us on Sundays, as we **grow in faith together! All ages are welcome!!**

Upcoming lessons:

Apr 29—When my heart hurts – Grief

May 6—A Father's Faith - Jairus' Daughter; *Jesus cares about families*

**Last day of GIFT Sunday School - children will sing at the 10:00 am service*

DOLLAR DOOR OFFERING—OSLC Campership Fund

Each month our Dollar Door Offering (*offering plate in center of the Narthex*) goes to support the efforts of a different ministry. The April offering will go to the OSLC Campership Fund for youth who attend an ELCA camp.

The ELCA believes strongly in outdoor ministry, where kids can retreat from everyday life, go on an adventure, and grow their faith. So let's do our part to help make camp a reality for all the youth of Our Savior Lutheran Church. All money donated this month will go towards scholarships for one week of camp at any ELCA camp in the country. Kids can use this scholarship to go to Carol Joy Holling Camp in Ashland Nebraska or another camp such as Lutheran Lakeside Camp in Iowa.

Together our dollars can help send kids to camp!



“YOU VISITED ME...” *RESCHEDULED!*

The Visitation Ministry Group meets to sign and send cards to church members and to share a visit with friends. Please come and be a part of our group. The next gathering will be **Wednesday, April 25 at 1pm**. For more information about this wonderful ministry, please call Virginia Backstrom (375-4489) or the church office (375-2899).

CHURCH CAMP...IS WHERE IT'S AT!

For this upcoming summer, I (Pr. Kristen) want to encourage all OSLC kids ages 3rd grade and up to consider joining me for a week of camp at Lutheran Lakeside Camp in northern Iowa. This is the same camp that the Adult Mission Trip will be going to, and in fact, I want to encourage us to sign up for the same week as this year's mission trip. On June 17th, any kids who have signed up for camp will gather at the church after worship and then carpool to Lakeside Camp. The adult mission trip will arrive the next day on Monday the 18th. Campers will return on Friday the 22nd. There are camp scholarships available to help pay the cost; please contact me for more information.



If you are ready to sign up your camper, go to the Lutheran Lakeside Camp website www.lutheranlakeside.com and click on the register today link. Once you make an account, choose one of the age appropriate camps for your child during the week of June 17th to June 22nd, pay the deposit fee, and send that information to the OSLC church office.

If that week of camp doesn't work for your schedule, but your child still wants a camp experience, please consider signing up a different week or at a different ELCA camp such as Carol Joy Holling in Ashland, Nebraska.

2018 RADIO BROADCASTS

Consider sponsoring a radio broadcast. We continue to offer the option of having a co-sponsor for the weekend broadcast. If you would prefer to be the only sponsor for the weekend; the cost is \$75. If you would like to share the broadcast with another sponsor; the cost is \$40 for each sponsor. Please contact the church office (402/375-2899) for more information or to reserve a date. A sign-up sheet is also available at the information desk.

NOTE: The first available dates to sponsor a radio broadcast are **May 13 & 20 and June 10**; other dates are available later in the year. Radio broadcast of our Sunday morning worship service can be heard live on AM 1590 and FM 98.9.

SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS

In an effort to provide continued support to the Wayne Food Pantry; each month we designate particular items that the pantry stocks. A blue basket is available in the Narthex to collect the donated items.

For April: **canned soups**—large family size or medium size; all kinds; **canned fruit**—peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, mixed fruit, mandarin oranges, applesauce; **canned meats**—salmon, chicken, ham, tuna, stews, macaroni with meat, or cheese, such as spaghetti O's or mac & cheese, spaghetti sauces.



Note: The most current needs at the Wayne Food Pantry are pasta, pancake syrup, pancake mix, jello, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, and paper products.



Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering

ATTENTION: LADIES OF OUR SAVIOR

Attention Women of Our Savior: All of you are encouraged to attend the 2018 Northeast Conference Spring Gathering on April 28th at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Coleridge. The offering for the day will be divided as follows: ½ CWO, ¼ NSWO, and ¼ to Female Seminarian Scholarship Fund. Those in attendance are asked to bring a tangible **CASH** offering for the ELCA Good Gifts Program to cover school fees and uniforms for girls attending school in underprivileged areas of the world. Those attending are also encouraged to bring information about what your congregation is doing to curb human trafficking.

It is time to let the Spirit move you and prayerfully consider being a part of the day we hope to share! Be sure to share your experiences with other “Daughters of the Spirit” who have not had the good fortune to attend in the past. Be invitational, and bring a friend with you for the day (after all, road trips are always more fun with friends!) Registration forms are available from your local WELCA leadership team or by contacting Trisha Peters, Conference Coordinator at (402) 518-0675.

Note: Registration forms are available at the information desk. For those who would like to carpool, there is also a sign-up sheet for that.

MUFFINS WITH MOM! —Sunday, May 13

Join us for **Muffins with Mom!** on **Sunday, May 13, from 9–9:45am** in the Social Room. Come for a treat and fellowship time as we **celebrate Mother's Day** and honor all the women and sons/daughters at Our Savior! **All are welcome!**

A MONTHLY MISSION TRIP?

Yes! There are people who need help right here in Wayne America. Every month, the Food Bank for the Heartland in Omaha sends a truck full of food to be given to people in need. The food distribution is usually the last Saturday of the month. Volunteers are always welcome from eight-thirty to noon. You can work for just one hour or up to four - whatever your schedule permits. Please consider this as an ongoing “mission trip” right here at home. Contact the First United Methodist Church if you have questions and to verify dates and location (402-375-2231).

This month's food distribution will be Saturday, April 28, at the Wayne Fire Hall!

PRESENTATION AT BROOKDALE

Ann Myers, BSN, RN of Siouxland Hospice, will give a presentation entitled *Interacting with Loved Ones with Dementia* on Thursday, April 26th, from 6:30-7:30pm at Brookdale Wayne. It will be a great presentation for pastors, family members, caregivers, and health care professionals.



“Intergenerational experiences lead to greater involvement in church life, including Sunday worship, church events, and church ministries.”

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For the Love of Sheep

Children's Bibles and Sunday school lessons always include stories of Jesus healing people, doing miracles, and being loving and kind to others. They also typically include the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. It can be confusing, especially to young children, why anyone would put such a good person to death. "Why did he die?" children (and youth and adults!) often ask.

Why did he die?

Jesus himself answers this question in today's gospel when he says three times that he, unlike the hired hand, "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11-18). He has committed himself fully to his vulnerable flock, and in the moment of their vulnerability he chooses to stand between them and the wolves. He dies because when you stand by a vulnerable flock without any weapons, you risk death by wolf.

Just before Jesus calls himself the good shepherd, he was caught in an exchange with some religious leaders over the healing of a blind man on the sabbath (John 9). Remember that story? Jesus approaches the blind man, and that man listens to Jesus' voice even before he receives his sight and can physically see Jesus. He is one of the vulnerable sheep of Christ's flock. But the Shepherd's care of such a vulnerable sheep draws much attention from the religious authorities. As these leaders repeatedly question and attack the now-seeing man, Jesus does not abandon him but attends to him and cares for him. This care further provokes the anger of the religious authorities.

Why did he die?

He died because of his steadfast insistence on caring for sheep such as the once-blind man. Even now he continues to stand between the sheep and the wolves, between all of humanity and the sin to which we cling.

In Our Prayers . . . Apr 21 & 22, 2018

"Be joyful always: pray continually: give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Hospitalized this week: Viola Meyer

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health Concerns:

Guidance:

Spiritual Healing/Strength:

- Lord, be with me as I start my very long journey of mental and health recovery. Please let others forgive me for who I was being during my illness. Please God help me find happiness again!

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Help us see God's love and care in the ordinary events of our lives!

Deaths:

Other Prayers:

Nebraska Synod: "We Are Church" Prayer

- Dear Heavenly Father, We give you thanks for the ministry of Seeking-the-Spirit Within. We lift up prayers for those in the ministry of Spiritual Direction to strengthen and encourage one another in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Amen.

Worship Assistants

This Weekend (4/21 & 22)

Organist/Pianist-Shelly Armstrong

5:30 p.m.

Greeters-Sandra Henschke

LWA & CA-Brad Harder

Acolyte-Ashlyn Milligan

Projection-Margaret Hansen

Sound-Rod Hefti

Ushers- Rod & Melia Hefti, Dave & Joan Baier

Altar Guild-Dorothy Wert, Sharon Fleer

10:00 a.m.

Greeters-Sue Denten

LWA & CA-Roger Lentz

CA-Lynette Lentz, Kristine Muir

Acolyte-Alex Phelps, Jace Piper

Projection-Sarah Gunion

Sound-Colton Eggleston

Ushers-Damon & Tracy Henschke, Tim & Trisha Peters

Altar Guild-Lynette Lentz, Trisha Peters

Next Weekend (4/28 & 29)

5:30 p.m.

Greeters-Byron & Barb Heier

LWA & CA-Nancy Breikreutz

Acolyte-Brianna Nissen

Projection-Margaret Hansen

Sound-

Ushers- Chuck & Kathy Rutenbeck, Rodney Bauermeister

Altar Guild-Mary Stalling, Melia Hefti

10:00 a.m.

Greeters-Pete & Julie Reeg

LWA & CA-Youth

CA-Youth

Acolyte-Easton Blecke, Alec Schaffer

Projection-Annette Rasmussen

Sound-Tracy Henschke

Ushers-Steve McLagan, Steve Rasmussen, Pete Reeg

Altar Guild-Nancy Jo Powers, Gena Puls

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Our Savior's website also includes the following links:
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www.luthersem.edu/godpause/daily_view

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

The Mission of Our Savior:

*That all may know Christ,
Grow in Christ,
and joyfully go with Christ*



Welcome

April 21 & 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Ministers:

The People of Our Savior

Pastors:

Rev. Jeanne Madsen

Rev. Kristen Van Stee

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Director of Music

Shelly Armstrong
Director of Choirs

Kara Woehler
Director of Children's Ministry

Order of Worship

Prelude *Choir (Sun)*

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: ELW 556

Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting

Hymn of Praise

Prayer of the Day

Children's Time *(Sun)*

First Reading: pg. 994
Acts 4:5-12

Psalm: Psalm 23

Second Reading: pg. 1111
1 John 3:16-24

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: pg. 978
John 10:11-18

Message

Hymn of the Day: ELW 836

Blessing for the Elements

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing the Peace

Offering

Special Music *(Sun)*

Offering Song & Prayer

Dialogue, Preface & Sanctus *(Holy, Holy, Holy)*

Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Distribution of Communion

Agnus Dei *(Lamb of God)*

Choir (Sun)

ELW 502 (Sun)

Blessing, Song & Prayer after Communion

Parting Blessing

Sending Hymn: ELW 536

Dismissal

Postlude

End of Worship. Beginning of Service.