



MONTHLY Newsletter

A PUBLICATION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

FROM OUR PASTOR...

Dear friends in Christ,

arked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world. Our values are grounded in faith, our biblical and Lutheran confessional sources, and our love of God and neighbor.



The ELCA defines Mission as follows:

Forgiveness and reconciliation – We are reconciled to God by God's forgiving mercy. Forgiveness and reconciliation flow from what God has made us to be in Jesus Christ and what God is doing with us in the world. As a people of God, we embody forgiveness in speech, action, and relationships, and our ministry in reconciliation is foundational.

Dignity, compassion, and justice – Each person is created in God's image. We respect this God-given right to dignity and, inspired by the life of Jesus, show love and compassion for all people. Through the proclamation of the gospel, worship, and as servants of God working for healing and justice in the world, we uphold and seek to protect all people's dignity and human rights.

Inclusion and diversity – As Christ's church, we value the richness of God's creation and offer a radical welcome to all people, appreciating our common humanity and our differences. We are a church that does not view diversity as a barrier to unity. We recognize and will challenge the dynamics of power and privilege that create barriers to participation and equity in this church and society – for women, people of color, minority ethnic groups, people with disabilities, people who are marginalized or living in poverty, and the LGBTQ community.

Courage and openness to change – Because we trust in God's promise and understand faith to be a living, daring

confidence in God's grace, we are encouraged to embrace learning and change in our spiritual and institutional journey as a church. This means we are open to new ways and willing to take risks to discover God's plan for this church.

Faithful stewardship of God's creation and gifts – As a church, faithful stewardship is about holding to God's purpose and ensuring that the responsibilities and resources that God has entrusted to us are used with great care and accountability to God, to each other, and those served by this church.

ELCA congregations are centers for evangelical mission, where people of faith celebrate, learn, and connect with one another and others worldwide through service and weekly worship. We are a church that belongs to Christ. We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. For us, as the ELCA, this faith comes through the good news of Jesus Christ and gives us the freedom and the courage to wonder, discover, and boldly participate in what God is up to in the world.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Chad



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Do you or someone you know have an interest in becoming a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church? We will host a new member orientation on Sunday, May 19, following worship for anyone interested in joining the church. New members will be received on Sunday, June 9. Please contact Pr. Chad or the church office to let us know of your interest.



May 4 & 5 Connie Webber, organist

Mary 11 & 12 Shelly Armstrong, pianist

May 18 & 19 Connie Webber, organist

May 25 & 26 Connie Webber, organist



2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Fellowship Ministry Team will host a reception in honor of Our Savior's High School graduates following worship on **Sunday, May 5**. Everyone is invited to attend.

Please keep our graduates and all graduates—high school and college—in your prayers as they embark on a new chapter in their lives.

(A feature page of the 2024 graduates will be included in the June Newsletter.)







Join us for Muffins with Mom! on Sunday, May 12—Mother's Day, during the Fellowship Hour from 9–9:45am. Come for a treat and fellowship time as we celebrate Mother's Day! All are welcome!



We celebrate Pentecost May 18 & 19 as a rebirth for God's people. We ask that all worshippers wear something red to proclaim the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is wonderful to see a sea of red in worship, as we acknowledge the Holy Spirit who inspires our worship and our faith, and gives us the power, week by week, to proclaim the good news about the kingdom of God. Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church, the Church that is not a building, but a people.



The second, quarterly meeting of the Foundation Board of Our Savior Lutheran Church will be held on *Monday, May 20*, at 7pm. All grant applications need to be turned in by **Monday, May 13** to be considered. Applications are available in the Church Office.

2024 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The 2024 Nebraska Synod Assembly will be held **June 1-2**, **2024** at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney. "The central theme of this year's gathering is "Cultivating Love". It's a theme that encourages us to nurture compassion and understanding in our lives and communities." Those attending can look forward to "insightful speeches, engaging discussions, and a chance to connect with others across our synod." Please keep all who will be attending in prayer–pastors, delegates, visitors and presenters. Those attending from Our Savior are Pr. Chad, Kathy Becker, Amber Labenz, and Doug & Mary Mohl.



THANK YOU'S...

Wayne Food Pantry—Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$50.00 dated March 31, 2024, to the Wayne Food Pantry. Your donations help to enable us to provide nutrition to individuals and families in need in Wayne County, Nebraska.

Jenny Hammer, Wayne Food Pantry Coordinator

Rod & Melia Hefti—Thank you to Pastor Chad for the special prayers before Rod's stem cell transplant and afterwards. Thanks also to all who prayed, telephoned, texted, sent cards and gave encouraging words while we were in Omaha and since returning home. Special thanks to Larry Lueders for taking care of the candles for Rod. We enjoyed the delicious meal prepared for us from Caring Cooks. It's great to be in the midst of such a caring community.

Joan & Dave Baier—Thank you to Caring Cooks for the wonderful meal delivered to us after my hospitalization. Special thanks to Teri Koenig.



On Wednesday, April 3, two pickups were loaded with all of the food pantry items collected at OSLC during the 40x40 Lenten Challenge and taken to the Wayne Food Pantry at the First Presbyterian Church. Those who helped were Bridget Vaith, Reagan McGuire, Reece Ames, Ashton Hannah, Pastor Rademacher, and Grant Miller.

The 40x40 Challenge wrapped up on Wednesday, April 10, with the 6th & 7th grade Confirmation classes participating in Grocery Games at Pac N Save. Tyler Daniels, Hadley Dunklau, Sophia Petersen, Mason Wendte, Hadley Woehler, and Landon Woehler split into two teams to shop for groceries with \$1,141.00 to spend. Our congregation generously contributed \$891.00 and \$250.00 was provided through Thrivent Action Team funds. Pastor Rademacher began the evening with some information about the food pantry and a prayer. Students had a good time shopping and helped unload the groceries at the food pantry. Amy Bloomquist and Ron and Pat Carnes supervised.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

Do you have a native garden in your backyard? Do you have plants that could be divided? We need your help. The property committee would like to redo the northeast flower bed in the parking lot. It already has some native grasses and we'd like to turn it into a native bed with plenty of pollinator plants. To save us some funds, we're asking folks if they have any of the following plants that they'd be willing to share before we order:

- False indigo (*Baptisia*)
- Big Bluestem
- Indian Grass
- Aster
- Goldenrod
- Blazing Star (*Liatris*; blue)
- Coreopsis or Rudbeckia (yellow)
- Leadplant (*Amorpha canescens*; purple)
- Missouri Evening Primrose (*Oenothera*; yellow)
- Purple Poppy Mallow (Callirhoe; pink/purple)
- Prairie Dropseed
- Pasqueflower (Pulsatilla)
- Purple lovegrass

Note that this will not look like the other flowerbeds, but should better tolerate the dry summer conditions so far from the church (where the hose can't reach easily) and the winter snow load that sometimes happens. It will require water for the first summer or so but then should be mostly self sufficient except for a good cleanup each spring.

Wayne Ag Ed students have agreed to help with the planting but the plants will need to be collected first. As soon as possible, please let Leslie Johnson know what you have and are willing to share so we know what still needs to be purchased. Please don't dig anything up yet! We will schedule a day to dig/deliver just prior to planting.

Leslie can be reached by email at lesliejane01@hotmail.com or phone/text at 402-375-8455.





CIRCLE & MINISTRY GROUP MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

• Tuesday, May 7, 10am

JOY CIRCLE

Wednesday, May 8, 2pm
 Program: Kathy Becker, PMA
 Leader & Hostess: Dorothy Wert

CHARITY CIRCLE

• (date & time TBD—watch for details)

Program: Mystery Meeting

Leaders: Deb Hammer, Kris Robinson

VISITATION MINISTRY GROUP

• Wednesday, May 15, 1pm

QUILT MINISTRY GROUP

• Monday, May 20, 9am

All women of the congregation are always welcome and invited to participate.





ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild workers for May: Mary Stalling, Cheryl Henschke, Joan Baier, Denise Broders, Trisha Peters, Martina Swanson, Sharon Fleer, Paula Gemelke, Virginia Backstrom, Debbie Bargholz, Peggy Hank, Melia Hefti, Madge Bruflat, Julie Grone, Julie/Jim Hansen, Marsha Roth, Mary Hansen, Teri Koenig. Please check the worship assistant schedule for the date and time.

GREETINGS!

"April showers bring May flowers", the old saying goes. We certainly needed and appreciate the nice rains. Thank you, Lord!

Our Savior's WELCA Executive Board met on Tuesday, April 2 with Lynette giving the devotion, "We are all Special", based on Romans 12:6.

Margaret reported that the price for Greeting Cards has gone up. She hopes we can still sell them at the price we have been, but will have to wait and see.

Kim Dunklau is checking into replacing the aluminum pots and pans for the kitchen. She has gotten one stainless steel pot so far.

As of this writing, Spring Gathering is still to be held, so I have nothing to report. "Thank You" to all who donated items for the Spring Gathering Tangible Offering. We certainly had a nice supply to take.

Charity Circle had a speaker at their April meeting and was open to the public to attend. He spoke on a police officer's experience in the 9-11 attack on the Twin Towers in New York City. Melia, Lynette, Sue and Dorothy served refreshments. Thanks to all of those who came to listen!

Please join us on Wednesday, May 8 when PMA Kathy Becker will be our leader at the 2pm Joy Circle meeting. We encourage all ladies to come, you don't have to be a member.

Since we have been asked to help set up a Dana Village Pantry, we can provide items needed or a monetary donation toward purchasing them. Items are: full or queen size quilts by individual or congregation; shampoo/conditioner; soap; laundry detergent; toilet paper and feminine hygiene products. The WELCA Box will be in the Narthex.

Enjoy the sunshine and spring weather. Keep smiling!

Dorothy Wert, WELCA President

WELCA PURPOSE

s a community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.



PASTORAL ACTS

The following young people were Confirmed on Sunday, April 28, 2024:

Gracelynn Daniels
Callen Gamble
Evan Greve
Noah Magnuson
Kinnley McGuire



We remember in prayer those who were hospitalized in the last month: Harold Fleer, Phyllis Rahn.



"YOU VISITED ME..."

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 Visitation Ministry Group. The group will meet on **Wednesday**, **May 15**, at 1pm.

For more information about this wonderful ministry, please contact Rhonda Blecke, Sandra Lutt or the church office.

WORSHIP SERVICES at Wayne Countryview & Kinship

Worship with Communion is offered on the first Tuesday of the month—May 7

- Wayne Countryview at 2pm
- Kinship at 3:30pm.

Worship is also offered the third Tuesday of the month at Kinship at 3:30pm.

• Tuesday, May 21

OWL'S BIBLE STUDY



Join us for some good conversation over scripture readings from the Bible. The study will use Lectionary readings and a resource from the ELCA entitled, *Daily Discipleship*. The OWL's Bible Study meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday each month. Join them on **May 2 & 16**, at 10:30am in the multipurpose room. Everyone is welcome!

KINSHIP BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study at Kinship meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, at 3:30pm. This study led by Sharon Garvin is also using Lectionary Bible readings and a resource from the ELCA entitled, *Daily Discipleship*. Join them on **Thursdays**, **May 9** & **23**. Everyone is welcome.



SLEEPING MAT MINISTRY

Sleeping mats are made from plastic shopping bags. This is a great way to recycle all those plastic grocery bags! (A basket is available in the narthex to collect CLEAN bags.) There are several steps to preparing the bags before the mats can be crocheted...so there are opportunities for all to participate! Join us on Thursday, May 2 and Monday, May 20, from 9–11am.

Consider being a part of this wonderful ministry; both the VA in Omaha and Orphan Grain Train look forward to receiving the mats!

QUILT MINISTRY GROUP

Our Savior's Quilt Ministry Group welcomes anyone who would like to help "tie" quilts. You don't need to know how to sew or quilt; simply "tie" a knot!

Consider joining the Quilt Ministry Group as they tie quilts to be given to Lutheran World Relief and other organizations that need them. The group will meet on **Monday**, **May 20**, at **9am**. Everyone is welcome!



- 1 Sharon Gustafson, Logan Peters
- 2 Marvin Rutenbeck, Janet Sievers,
- 4 Rod Hefti, Corey Rogers
- 5 Todd Baier, Kandy Frerichs, Aaron Scheffler
- 8 Judy Koenig, Sue Larsen
- 9 Jase Dean, Cheryl Roberts
- 10 Bailey Bentjen
- 11 Myla Foote
- 13 Jackson Calhoun, Tyler Johnson, Chris Rutenbeck, Meghan Spahr
- 14 Kim Dunklau, Caysen Gamble, Sandra Henschke
- 15 Jayla Walton
- 16 Eric Frye
- 17 Tom Hansen, Lila Kay, Bob Nissen, Byron Wacker
- 18 Serenity Victor
- 19 Victor Kniesche, Cynthia Puntney
- 20 Bill Koeber
- 21 Gracelynn Daniels, Maxine Meier, Pete Reeg
- 23 Alan Bruflat, Amy Mundil, Myrna Wacker-Tuttle
- 24 Stan Stenwall
- 25 Gene Hansen
- 26 Linda Young
- 27 Brenda Test
- 28 Rhonda Lutt, Elizabeth Milligan
- 29 Kennasyn Blecke, Rachel Brudigam
- 30 Kate Hill, Kelvin Puntney, Lawrence Sprouls
- 31 Rick Ellenbecker, Kathy Mohlfeld, Marie Mohr



& ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bob & DeAnn Behlers (41)
- 4 Darrell & Saralou Danielson (68)
- 6 Jon & Sherry Haase (57)
- 7 Jim & Julie Hansen (41)
- 8 Tyler & Sue Frevert (31) Robert & Mary Woehler (53)
- 19 Brent & Karla Pick (24)
- 21 Doug & Jill Brodersen (36)
- 25 Mike & Becky Brudigam (28) Larry & Kim Lueders (6)
- 26 Randy & Cynthia Bargholz (45) Tom & Sandra Hansen (12)
- 27 Mark & Nancy Wacker (35)
- 30 Don & Shelley Preston (37)

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please accept our apology and let the church office know.

RHUBARB FOR PIES-4-YOU

If you (or your neighbor!) have rhubarb ready and would like to donate it to the annual Pies-4-You fundraiser, *please chop it up into small pieces (ready for a pie) and put into freezer bags*. It can be put in the church freezers (*storage area at back of social room, north freezer*). If you have guestions, please contact the church office.

YOU'RE INVITED... TO COFFEE with Council



Coffee with Council is an opportunity to meet with members of the church council for coffee, refreshments and discussion. Join them prior to worship, 9am, **Sunday morning, May 12**. Council members will be available to visit during Muffins with Mom!

DOLLAR DOOR OFFERING—

The May Dollar Door Offering will go to support Our Savior's Mission Team.

Together our dollars can help them help others!



You can give electronically to OSLC—just download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app!

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

As of	
April 15, 2024	Year-to-Date
\$20,542.20	\$26,252.03
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-24,132.48	-128,699.43
\$28,353.73	\$28,353.73
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If you have any questions about this report or other church finance matters, please contact Tom Hansen (402-518-0640) or Paula Gemelke (402-369-2176).

COUNCIL CORNER—April 9, 2024 Meeting

- Connie Webber shared that the Nebraska Brass Band reached out to her about wanting to play for our Palm Sunday service next year (2025). Connie stated that by doing this we will not lose out on having A Touch of Brass in future years.
- Fellowship Ministry will be serving Muffins for Mom for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th.
- The 40/40 Lenten Challenge was again a success this year; thank you to everyone for the donations. There were two pickup loads of food donations delivered to the food pantry. Sixth & Seventh grade Confirmation kids went to Pac N Save to purchase additional items with the monetary donations; two more pickup loads were delivered to the food pantry.
- The Easter breakfast served by the Youth & Family Ministry Team went well; served 125 plates. They appreciated all who helped and attended.

The next meeting of the Church Council will be Monday, May 13, 2024.



CALENDAR ITEMS

Reminder...please contact the church office regarding any meetings or gatherings scheduled; especially those held after office hours, so that they can be added to the master calendar. If no evening activities are listed, the church building is locked at approx. 5pm.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

For the Weekend Bulletin: by 11am each Thursday. For the Monthly Newsletter: 20th of the month.

RESOURCES

- Wayne County Family Coalition (402-375-2200)
- Wayne Food Pantry & Backpack Program (402-375-2669 – fpcwayne.org/food-pantry) In order to use the Wayne Food Pantry, please call or email in advance if you need assistance. All inquiries are confidential.
- Wayne Food Truck Saturday, May 18, at Journey Christian Church



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Weekly Worship Opportunities:

Saturday Evening: 5:30pm Sunday Morning: 10am

(streamed live and posted to our Facebook page: Our Savior <u>Lutheran Church</u>, <u>Wayne NE (ELCA)</u> and broadcast live on AM 1590 and FM 98.9)

> **Sunday School:** (N-5th) Sundays—10am; Fall/Winter/Spring

Confirmation: (6th–8th) Wednesdays—6pm; Fall/Winter/Spring

- Staff -

Rev. Chad Rademacher
Pastor

Connie Webber
Director of Music

Bridget Vaith

Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry

Virginia Kniesche

Coordinator of Children's Ministry

Kris Robinson

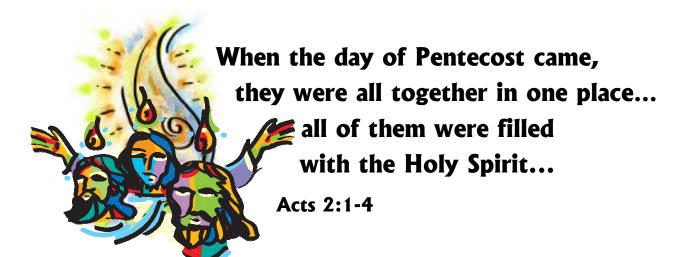
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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCES

" As each has received a gift, employ it for one another as good stewards." 1 Peter 4:10

The Our Savior Lutheran Church Foundation Board is encouraging members of Our Savior to support the work of the Foundation by making a Memorial Day Remembrance gift to honor someone special or as a memorial to a deceased loved one.

The Foundation Board is responsible for prudently managing Foundation funds and assets. Monetary contributions to the Foundation are safely invested and only the income from the funds is spent, not the principal itself. The only way to help the amount available to be used is to have donations for the Foundation fund.

The generosity of many makes it possible for the Foundation to support several worthwhile projects that enhance the lives of many in our congregation and elsewhere. In 2023, the Foundation helped support the following: Capital Expenditures or Major Maintenance—Upper Room renovations, handbell refurbishing and repairs, social room flooring; ELCA Global Missions—ELCA World Hunger; Local or Regional Mission Projects or Programs—Wayne Teammates, Rainbow World, Wayne Community Housing Development Corp., Wayne Food Pantry/Backpack Program, Lutheran Family Services; Scholarships and Camperships—NLOM Seminary Scholarship Endowment; and Other Grants—OSLC Jonnex Stanford WSC Expense Fund.

The generous gift you give to the Foundation as a Memorial Day Remembrance will continue to grow and provide financial assistance that will support many worthy needs like those mentioned above. Donors will be recognized in the church bulletin on Memorial Day weekend; anonymous donations are also welcome. Please complete the attached form and place it in the offering with your gift by Sunday, May 20, 2024 or return to the church office by Wednesday, May 22, 2024.

Your support of the Foundation is greatly appreciated and we thank you for your consideration. Please let us know if we can be of any service in any way.

Sincerely,

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Our Savior Lutheran Church Foundation Board

Teri Koenig Darrell Miller Karla Pick Kelvin Puntney Chuck Rutenbeck



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In Memory of:		
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BE A VBS VOLUNTEER!

contact Virginia

(virginiakniesche@gmail.com) or the church office (oslc@oslcwayne.org) to see how you can help!

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Register @ tinyurl.com/rzjkat9j

we hope to "sea" you there!

NEW FRIENDS | AMAZING EXPERIMENTS | ADVENTURES
GAMES | SNACKS | MUSIC

Location: Our Savior Lutheran Church

Save these dates: Sun., May 19 -Tues., May 21

Each day's fun happens from: 5:30-7:30pm

a light meal will be provided.

Includes children: PreK-5th Grade (ages 4-11)

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Happy Mother's Day 9:00em Nuthrs with Morn 10:00em Bundey School 19:00em Worship	Grant Deadline 10:30am Staff Meeting 7:30pm Church Council	14 10:00am Gluster Text Study 6:30pm Grief & Loss Cless	15 1:00pm Visitation Ministry Group 7:00pm Cherity Circle	18 10:30am OWL's Bible Study	17	9:30am Weyne Food Truck @ Journey Christ Church 10:00am Council Refree 8:10pm Worship
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