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MONTHLY Newsletter

A PUBLICATION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Mission of Our Savior:
That all may know Christ,
grow in Christ
and joyfully go with Christ.*

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FROM OUR PASTOR...

The Worship and Music Committee has begun regrouping. While we are still early in our discussions, we will draw on foundational practices relevant to our worship experiences. During one of our conversations, we discussed the exciting possibility of bringing back the healing services, possibly once per month. These services would allow worshippers to have an intimate moment of prayer, laying of hands, and anointing the head with oil.

Our discussions have led us to a profound question: "Why did early believers pour oil over their heads?" This question takes us back to the very origins of our faith. The use of oil holds a deep-rooted place in our religious history, with over 210 mentions throughout the Bible. The earliest account of oil used in scripture dates back to Jacob, who rose early in the morning, took the stone under his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it (Gen. 28:18).

Oil has played a multifaceted role in our religious practices. It was used for anointing, a ritual that signified the consecration of an individual for a specific purpose. For instance, priests and kings were anointed with oil as a divine appointment. A notable example is when Moses was instructed to take oil and blood from the altar and sprinkle it on Aaron and his vestments, along with his sons' vestments, preparing them for the priestly service God was calling them to (Exodus 29:21). The anointing oil was also used to consecrate the tabernacle and all its furniture, making them holy (Ex. 40:9).

Oil was used as a burnt offering, creating a "pleasant odor to the Lord" (Lev. 6:21) and a part of the Israelites' diet. "But she said, as the Lord your God lives, I have no bread, only a handful of flour in the bowl and a little oil in the jar; and behold, I am gathering a few sticks that I may go in and prepare for me and my son so that we may eat." (1 Kings 17:12).

Oil was also used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit to illuminate, consecrate, heal, and comfort. "You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore, God, Your God, has anointed you with the oil of joy above your fellows" (Psa. 45:7). "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners (Isa. 61:1). "And came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him (Luke 10:34).

During the Lutheran Reformation, Martin Luther emphasized God's grace through the Sacraments' importance. Each week, we come to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed and to come to the table to be fed. We publically confess the sinful nature of being a human and mercifully ask God to wash us clean once again. We hold onto the promise that we are made clean through the saving act of Christ and the never-ending amount of grace poured over us.

We hear the words of institution during communion, reminding us that Christ died so we can be absolved of our sins and forgiven. We know this to be true because Christ promised this to us in our waters of baptism, where oil was placed on our heads, marking us with the cross of Christ forever and claiming us heirs of the Kingdom to come. (Matt. 6:12, John 14:16).

Oil serves as a tangible reminder that the Holy Spirit is always with us, healing and consecrating us as God's children. It has a rich history with God's people, serving as a visible sign of God's presence and grace. It connects us to biblical traditions, reminding us of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As we continue to plan worship, oil will be a significant part of our worship practice, reminding us that we are all holy in the eyes of God.

In His Holy name,
Pastor Chad

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MUSIC FOR JUNE

June 1 & 2	Shelly Armstrong, pianist
June 8 & 9	Connie Webber, organist Mitch DeBoer, soloist (Sun)
June 15 & 16	Connie Webber, organist
June 22 & 23	Connie Webber, organist
June 29 & 30	Connie Webber, organist



2024 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

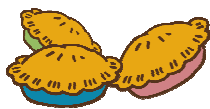
The 2024 Nebraska Synod Assembly will be held **June 1-2, 2024** at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney. “The central theme of this year’s gathering is “Cultivating Love”. It’s a theme that encourages us to nurture compassion and understanding in our lives and communities.” Those attending can look 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 Muhl.



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, small freezer). If you have questions, please contact the church office.

PIES FOR SALE



We have a few strawberry rhubarb, rhubarb, apple and cherry pies left from last fall’s Pies-4-You event. Pies are \$15 each.



THANK YOU’S...

Wayne Food Pantry—Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$100.00 dated April 30, 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

Mae Schwarten—Thanks so much for the treats for May Day and Older Americans Month. I’m sure you gain a smile for doing these things for all of us who have some long days here. We appreciate all you do for us. Bless you.

Marie Mohr—I would like to thank Caring Cooks for the meal brought to my home and especially Dorothy Wert for the yummy salads.

Wayne FFA—Thank you for your donations which helped us get safety books. We plan on using them during National FFA Week. We look forward to informing people on Ag Safety.

Additional thank you’s received for donations made—

Lutheran Family Services: \$200

Donuts CELEBRATE DAD! with Dad

Join us for **Donuts with Dad!** on **Sunday, June 16—Father’s Day, during the Fellowship Hour from 9–9:45am**. Come for a treat and fellowship time as we **celebrate Father’s Day!** All are welcome!



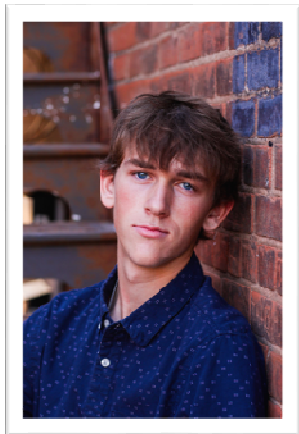
TRAINING TO BE OFFERED

We would like to offer CPR & AED training for anyone who would like to become certified or would like a refresher course. Training will be led by Angela Nuss; dates will be determined based on interest. A sign-up sheet is at the information desk or contact the church office.

Note: We’d also like to create an updated list of congregation members who are currently certified; please contact the church office to let us know.



Celebrating OUR GRADUATES



Jase Dean
Son of Paul & Lori Dean
plans to attend
Wayne State College



REMEMBRANCES

The Our Savior Foundation Board would like to thank all who contributed to the Foundation with a Memorial Day Remembrance. The generous gifts received will continue to grow and provide financial assistance to support many worthy needs in the future.

- In Loving Memory of -

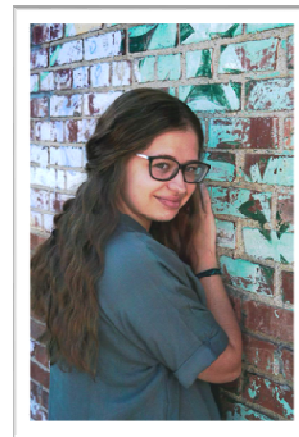
- William & Norma Koeber by Bill & Valerie Koeber*
- Michael Krumwiede by Chad & Amber Labenz and family*
- Janice Sue Dinsmore by Steven Dinsmore*
- Kermit Benshoof by JoAnne Benshoof*
- Darrel Rahn by Phyllis Rahn*
- Loved ones by Darrell & Cynthia Miller*



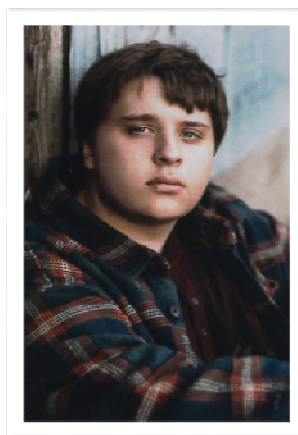
2024 class of



Kate Hill
Daughter of Mark Hill & Karen Longe
plans to attend
Kansas State University



Maya Jo Spahr
Daughter of Chad & Marcia Spahr
plans to attend
South Dakota State University



Grant Onderstal
Son of Pat Onderstal and Rebecca Onderstal
plans to attend
Northeast Community College



CIRCLE & MINISTRY GROUP MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

- Tuesday, June 4, 10am

JOY CIRCLE

- Wednesday, June 12, 2pm
Program: Tie Quilts
Leader: Marilyn Carhart
Hostess: Lynette Lentz

CHARITY CIRCLE

No meeting June/July

VISITATION MINISTRY GROUP

- Wednesday, June 19, 1pm

QUILT MINISTRY GROUP

- Monday, June 24, 9am

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



Charity Circle's Annual Mystery Meeting was held Wednesday, May 22. The theme was **Life Lessons from Board Games!**



ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild workers for June: Sharon Fleeer, Paula Gemelke, Karen Zach, Melia Hefti, Lynette Lentz, Cynthia Miller, Janet Sievers, Joan Baier, Trisha Peters, Martina Swanson, Denise Broders, Peggy Hank, Virginia Backstrom, Debbie Bargholz, Julie/Jim Hansen, Dorothy Wert, Madge Brufat, Julie Grone. Please check the worship assistant schedule for the date and time.



GREETINGS!

Ladies, I pray those of you with farmer husbands, have gotten their crops in the ground safely and that we get the needed rain and sunshine for them to grow.

The Executive Board met on Tues., May 7, with me giving the devotion, "Pentecost Power for Our Witness," based on Acts 2:1-14, 37-39.

Joy Circle enjoyed hearing PMA Kathy Becker speak about the life of Florence Nightingale. She was a remarkable woman, nurse and faithful lady.

Visitation had six ladies in attendance to sign cards.

There were two ladies at Quilting and they tied one quilt.

Caring Cooks provided three meals to members in April.

We thank Sue for agreeing to purchase and plant flowers in the northeast planter.

Thanks to Lynette for writing the following report about the Northeast Spring Gathering: The NSWO Northeast Conference Spring Gathering was held Saturday, April 20, at Grace Lutheran Church in West Point with two Our Savior ladies attending along with 40 others, 16 guests and two pastors. Following welcoming remarks and the business meeting we were entertained by the Grace Lutheran Praise Team with songs and testimonies. We were blessed by the remarks from Nellie Beyan-Olabige of Omaha who grew up as a Lutheran in war-torn Liberia and received a LWR quilt that she said saved her life and comforted her through terrible civil war times. She is now a very prominent Omaha advocate and told us of ways we can help women struggling as she once was. The Grace WELCA group of 10 women meeting four times a month sent 100 quilts to LWR last year as well as many health, sewing, school and baby kits. Pastor Priscilla led us in a Bible Study, "Open Our Hearts—Listen, Be Kind, Pray", with a booklet that included a number of Bible verses pertaining to "Do not worry", "Humble yourself" and "God cares for you". We centered ourselves with a finger labyrinth before breaking for a delicious lunch. After lunch each table put together LWR baby care kits for a total of 18 kits. Pr. Priscilla shared slides of her January 2024 Nebraska Vision Trip to Tanzania. We could recognize several pastors and friends in the photos. The offering for the day was \$1,083.25 to be divided 60% for Churchwide Women's Organization, 20% Katie's Fund and 20% for the Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization (NSWO). A change in dates to August 2, 3, 4 was reported for the summer Saved to Serve project at Dana Village in Blair. The day closed with worship and communion. We were sent on our way with snacks and coffee after a very enlightening, uplifting day.

Don't forget to say your three – 1-minute prayers each day!

Dorothy Wert,
WELCA President



IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in prayer those who were hospitalized in the last month: Jacque Kinnett, Charles Peters.



“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, June 19, 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—**June 4**

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

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

- **Tuesday, June 18**

WACAM Worship Services

- **June 3–7**—Radio Devotions
- **June 5**—Devotions at Kinship
- **June 9**—Worship at Countryview, 1:30pm



If you have a family member who is hospitalized and would like to have a visit or be added to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 402-375-2899. Hospitals do not always inform us of a parishioner being admitted to the hospital, so please let us know if you or your loved one is hospitalized.



OWL'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for some good conversation over scripture readings from the Bible. The study uses 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 **June 6 & 20, 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 also uses Lectionary Bible readings and a resource from the ELCA entitled, *Daily Discipleship*. Join them on **Thursdays, June 13 & 27**. 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, June 6 and Monday, June 17, 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, June 24, at 9am.** Everyone is welcome!





- 1 Blayne Dunklau, Don Koenig
- 2 Robbie Gamble
- 3 Mike Grosz, Liz Hagmann, Ryan Stalling, Dalton Victor
- 4 Cristy Jorgensen, Pam Nissen
- 5 Darin Bargholz, Ryan Eskens
- 6 Don Larsen, Dean Young
- 7 Nicolle McLagan
- 8 Chase Nelson, Maya Spahr
- 9 Sami Scheffler
- 10 Rick Gathje, Lexi Sokol
- 11 Megan Magnuson, Jennifer Staverman
- 12 Sawyer Brudigam, Ronnie Karel
- 13 Josh Swanson
- 14 Vickie Damme, Carrie Wendte
- 15 Jack Wieland
- 16 Joslynn Victor, Kara Woehler
- 17 Tim Hansen, Trisha Peters
- 19 Robert Carhart, Christina Roberts
- 20 Ashlyn Milligan
- 22 Denise Broders, John Piper
- 23 John Magnuson, Roger Willers
- 24 Rebecca Onderstal, Dillon Wieland
- 25 Talesha Hopkins, Grant Miller
- 26 Sophie Hansen, Evan Lubberstedt, Lillie Rademacher, Micky Rutenbeck
- 27 Ryan Grosz, Katriona Koenig
- 28 Garrett Heikes, Stefanie McLagan, Doug Mohl, Donna Tietsort
- 29 Mitch Baier
- 30 Brianna Nissen

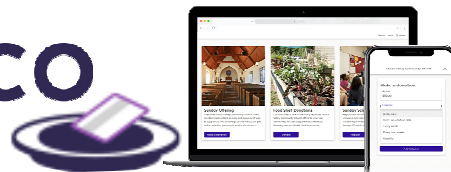


& ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Curt & Dianne Frye (56)
- 2 Dan & Sharon Gustafson (58), Rod & Melia Hefti (50), Kelvin & Cynthia Puntney (46)
- 3 Butch & Connie Meyer (52)
- 5 Bill & Valerie Koeber (59)
- 6 Don & Sue Larsen (59), Zach & Katie Wacker (9)
- 7 Rick & Sandra Gathje (44)
- 8 Aaron & Sami Scheffler (5)
- 9 Verdel & Mindy Lutt (51)
- 10 Matt & Kara Woehler (18)
- 11 Terry & Ronnie Karel (57)
- 12 Louis & Mavis Lutt (58),
- 14 Ron & Pat Carnes (60)
- 16 Dennis & Carroll Baier (56), Rod & Jennifer Greve (23)
- 18 Eric & Kelly Grone (36), Tim & Mary Hansen (47)
- 19 Chad & Marcia Spahr (26)
- 21 Ron & Karma Magnuson (49)
- 22 Tim & Sharon Garvin (40)
- 23 Kevin & Kandy Frerichs (51)
- 26 Corby & Amy Schweers (31)
- 28 Grant & Audra Miller (10)
- 29 Mike & Peggy Grosz (33), Brad & Joyce Hoskins (33)
- 30 Mike & Tara Hassler (17)

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

VANCO
FAITH



You can give electronically to OSLC—just download the Vanco Mobile app OR go to our website at <https://oslcwayne.org/give/>

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, June 9.**

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

	As of May 15, 2024	Year-to-Date
Beginning balance, 4/15/2024	\$28,353.73	\$26,252.03
Add: Income	31,442.89	162,244.02
Less: Expenses	-33,592.74	-162,292.17
Ending balance, 5/15/2024	\$26,203.88	\$26,203.88

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—May 13, 2024 Meeting

- Council was informed that due to low number of registrations Vacation Bible School has been moved to July 15-18. If anyone is interested in helping in any way please contact Virginia Kniesche or the Office.
- Council was informed the Fellowship Committee will be doing Donuts for Dad during the Fellowship Hour before worship on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16
- Council learned that the Church Website is very close to going live just a few additions needing to be made. (Note: The website went live on Monday, May 20.)
- Council was informed that the Mission Site Profile has been updated for the calling of a second pastor. A survey will be conducted on Pentecost Sunday to gather information for a few finishing touches.
- Council was informed of CPR training being offered for any congregation members interested in becoming certified; a sign up sheet will be put out in the Narthex. Depending on the numbers interested will determine when the training will be held.
- Council was informed about setting up a retirement account for Kris Robinson with it being 10% of salaried income. The council is very appreciative for all the work Kris does behind the scenes to make the church run smoothly.

The next meeting of the Church Council will be **Monday, June 10, 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, June 22, 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 Lutheran Church, Wayne NE (ELCA)
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
Administrative Assistant

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Jim Hansen **Mary Mohl**

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**We come to you for
healing, Lord,
of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your
Spirit's touch
we may again be whole.**

We Come to You for Healing, Lord
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Giving Thanks For:

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						 Nebraska Synod Assembly in Kearney 5:30pm Worship
 Nebraska Synod Assembly in Kearney 9:00am Fellowship Hour 10:00am Worship	Radio Devotions 10:30am Staff Meeting 5:45pm Executive Committee	Radio Devotions 10:00am Cluster Text Study 10:00am WELCA Executive Board 2:00pm Communion @ Wayne Countryview 3:30pm Communion @ Kinship Pointe	Radio Devotions 3:30pm Devotions @ Kinship	Radio Devotions 9:00am Sleeping Mat Ministry 10:30am OWL's Bible Study 6:00pm Women Who Love to Talk-and Eat	Radio Devotions 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	3:00pm Prokop/Woehler Wedding 5:30pm Worship
9:00am Coffee with Council 10:00am Worship 11:15am New Member Reception	10:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Church Council	10:00am Cluster Text Study	10:30am WACAM 2:00pm Joy Circle	3:30pm Bible Study @ Kinship		5:30pm Worship
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
looking for oceans of fun? 2024



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: **Mon., July 15 – Thurs., July 18**

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

*a light meal will be provided.

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

For more information: **contact Virginia**

(virginiakniesche@gmail.com) or the church office (oslc@oslcwayne.org)

At Scuba, kids explore what it means to have a friendship with God!

BE A VBS VOLUNTEER!

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(oslc@oslcwayne.org) to see how you can help!

