# This Week at Our Savior – February 9-16

Sunday	Coffee with Council Worship & Sunday School	9am <b>10am</b>
	Soup-er Bowl Cook-Off & Lunch	following worship
Monday	<i>Foundation Grant Deadline</i> Staff Meeting Christian Ed Team Mtg Fellowship Team Mtg Church Council	10:30am 6pm 6:30pm 7pm
Tuesday	Cluster Clergy Text Study	10am
Wednesday	WACAM Joy Circle Joyful Noise Rehearsal Confirmation HS Youth Group	10:30am 2pm 6pm 6-7:30pm 7pm
Thursday	Bible Study at Kinship	3:30pm
Friday		
Saturday	Worship	5:30pm
Sunday	Fellowship Hour Worship & Sunday School	9am <b>10am</b>

## 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, **this Sunday morning, February 9**, in the church narthex.

## READINGS

The lectionary readings for February 15 & 16 are Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26.

**ONLINE GIVING**—You can give electronically to OSLC—just download the Vanco Mobile app or **go to our website at https://oslcwayne.org/give/** 



## Announcements

## WELCOME!

Friends and friends-to-be, we welcome you to this time of worship, faith education and Christian fellowship. May the Word of God nourish you for your life and ministry in the days to come.

We ask all worshippers to please share with us their presence by signing the Welcome to Worship pad as it is passed in the pew. <u>Prayer Request cards can be found in the hymnal racks.</u>

## **HEARING ASSISTANCE**

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

## **CHILDREN'S DOODLE PAPER**

Little Lutheran Doodle Pads are available at the activities shelf near the soundboard. Children are welcome to use this paper during worship service.

## **RADIO BROADCAST**

In loving memory of H.F. Adolph & Anna Hesemann by Harold E. Thompson, Jr. Radio broadcast of our Sunday morning worship service can be heard live on AM 1590 and FM 98.9, online at waynedailynews.com and the Wayne Radio app.

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

As a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, this is an open table, all are welcome to come and celebrate 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.

**Clear juice** is provided for those who prefer an alternative to wine and **Gluten free wafers** are available.



Join us for a Soup-er Bowl Sunday Soup Lunch this Sunday, February 9, following worship. For a free will donation, you can take part in the judging AND get to enjoy a warm lunch. The Fellowship Team is providing cinnamon rolls and relishes.

## **MATCHING FUNDS CHALLENGE**

The congregation's leadership agreed to a \$5,000 gift to go to the **Sustaining Sacred Spaces capital campaign for Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (NLOM).** At our annual meeting in January, the congregation was challenged to match or exceed the allocated gift during which could raise our gift to \$10,000 or more. A thermometer in the narthex to monitor our progress and to provide us with continued encouragement as we prepare our extended gift for this much-needed capital campaign.

## QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE FOUNDATION

The first-guarter meeting of the Foundation Board of Our Savior Lutheran Church will be held Monday, February 17, at 7pm. Grant applications are available in the church office and should be turned in by Monday, February 10, for consideration.



The annual Lenten Fish Fry will be held on Friday, March 28, at the Wayne City Auditorium. If you are interested in serving on the fish fry committee or helping with the event, please contact Stuart and Brenda Lubberstedt, Chris and Carol McGuire, or Eric and Kelly Grone.

## **BIBLE STUDY AT KINSHIP**

Bible Study at Kinship meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, at 3:30pm. This study led by Sharon Garvin uses Lectionary readings and a resource from the ELCA entitled, Daily Discipleship. Join them this Thursday, February 13, 3:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

## STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

Luke 5:5, 6 - Simon answered Jesus, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.

Jesus's instructions make no sense to Simon, but following them leads him to make an enormous catch of fish. Steward/disciples often find that God's guidance leads to greater abundance. When have you seen this in your life?

## DOLLAR DOOR OFFERING—HAVEN HOUSE

Each month our Dollar Door Offering (offering plate in center of the Narthex) goes to support the efforts of a different ministry. The February Dollar Door Offering recipient will be Haven House. Together our dollars can help them help others!

## SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS

In an effort to provide continued support to the Wayne Food Pantry; each month we designate particular items that the pantry provides. A tote is available

in the Narthex to collect the donated items. For February: Peanut Butter, jelly, jams, honey. Juices not needing refrigeration; Dry, Boxed or packaged items-rice, complete meals, ramen noodles, Jell-O and puddings, cereal (both hot and cold), flour, sugar, Bisquick, pancake mix, Rice-a-Roni meals, pasta of all kinds, boxed meals of all kinds, instant potatoes, dressing, sweet bread mixes, cookie mixes.

NOTE: The Wayne Food Pantry continues to express their great appreciation for the support of our congregation and sends their thanks for the latest delivery of food items. They also informed us that they are NOT able to accept donations of baby food of any kind due to the regulations they are under.

## WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

With the winter season upon us, remember...weather-related announcements will be shared via the IRIS system, broadcast on KTCH radio and posted to our Facebook page.

## WELCA CIRCLES AND INTEREST GROUPS

All women of the congregation are always welcome and invited to participate in a Circle and/or Interest group. Joy Circle meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2pm and Charity Circle meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. The Visitation Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1pm, the Quilting Group meets on Mondays at 9am during the spring/summer/fall months and Caring Cooks contacts participants for meals as needed. For more information about any of these groups, please contact the church office or refer to the monthly Newsletter.

Join us this Wednesday, February 12, for Joy Circle at 2pm in the Social Room; Mary Mohl will lead the group in a Bible Study. All are invited!

## **CHILDREN'S OFFERING JAR HAS RETURNED!**

The glass offering jar-you might remember it as the Tanzania jar! - is back up front! Children are invited to take forward an offering when they come up for the Children's Sermon.

Adults, feel free to send your pocket change with any of the children coming forward. It's always so heartwarming to see the children joyfully give to the work of the church.

## **JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY!**

Do you or someone you know have an interest in joining the church? We will host a new member orientation this spring for anyone interested in joining the church. Please contact Pr. Chad or the church office to let us know of your interest.

## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

Reminder...please contact the church office regarding any meetings or gatherings scheduled at the church; 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.

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you're an eligible Thrivent Financial member and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please consider designating your available funds to Our Savior. For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice." Or go to: http://thrivent.com.

## **FFA BREAKFAST**

The Wayne FFA will hold a breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, February 16, from 9am to 1pm. This is a drive-through event or you can dine-in at the high school; it will be held by the shop on the west side of the school and you can eat in the Ag room next to the shop on the south side of the school. The breakfast will be free-will donation with proceeds going to the Ekberg and Tiedtke families.

## **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!

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

## February 9, 2025 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

# A Too-Small God?

Does the Lord's presence make you uncomfortable? This question may seem odd: after all, don't we call our worship spaces "sanctuaries"? Our readings today, however, feature people who, in their contact with God, are moved to express their unworthiness. A vision of divine glory overwhelms Isaiah with the holiness of "the Lord of hosts," before whom he is "a man of unclean lips" (Isaiah 6:5). After condescendingly agreeing to follow Jesus' fishing directions, Simon discovers just how little he knows and cries out, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" (Luke 5:8). Paul tells how he had rejected what God did in raising Jesus from the dead. All three faced revelations of God's greatness that dwarfed their expectations. These surprises evoked responses quite foreign to our culture of self-affirmation: a consciousness of their own unworthiness before such a glorious God.

While we probably don't want people diving under their pews during worship, a God before whom we feel fully composed and confident is not the "holy, holy, holy... Lord of hosts" (Isaiah 6:3) seen by Isaiah. Do we settle for a tame God, one who happens to approve of everything we do and disapprove of whatever we don't like?

As these stories continue, they show us that a full vision of God's holiness need not leave us shaking in terror. God's true glory is mercy. A heavenly being cleanses Isaiah's lips, and he is sent to Israel as God's messenger. Undeserving Paul becomes an apostle. Jesus tells Simon, "Do not be afraid," and he receives a vital role in the Savior's mission (Luke 5:10).

The gospel reveals that God's holiness does not destroy sinners but, rather, consumes *sin* through forgiveness. Before we could ever deserve it, the waters of baptism wash us with grace. God's greatness becomes small for us in the Christ child, in the simple words of absolution, and in a taste of bread and wine. Forgiven and healed, we—blessed despite our unworthiness—are now sent to share the good news.

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## In Our Prayers... February 8 & 9, 2025

"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: Jim Lutt

## **SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:**

## Health Concerns:

- For those recovering from injury or illness.
- For those undergoing treatments for cancer and other health issues.

## Guidance:

## Spiritual Healing/Strength:

## Prayer of Thanksgiving:

• For signs of the promise of spring.

## Deaths:

- Be with our friends as they lay their grandfather to rest this week and help them navigate the dementia that has consumed their grandmother.
- For Kim Dunklau and family in the death of her mother, Sandy Chace.

## **Other Prayers:**

• All prayers placed in the Prayer Bowl.



Take a prayer rock; say a prayer. Place the prayer (rock) in the Prayer Bowl. Each week prayers in the Prayer Bowl are lifted to the Lord.

#### Worship Assistants

This Weekend (2/8 & 9) Organist/Pianist: Shelly Armstrong

#### 5:30pm

Greeters-Paula Gemelke LWA & CA-Kathy Becker Acolyte-Landon Woehler Projection-Margaret Hansen Sound-Jim Hansen Ushers-Dorothy Wert, Marsha Roth Altar Guild-Dorothy Wert, Marsha Roth, Kelly Grone

#### 10am

Greeters-Tim & Trisha Peters LWA & CA-Kenna Blecke CA-Cynthia Puntney, Norah Armstrong Acolyte-Layton Becker Projection-Leslie/Tyler Johnson Sound-Trisha Peters Video-Leslie/Tyler Johnson Ushers-Ron Magnuson, Pete Reeg, Kelvin Puntney Altar Guild-Cynthia Miller, Trisha Peters

Next Weekend (2/15 & 16) Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm Greeters-Cheryl Roberts LWA & CA-Nancy Breitkreutz Acolyte-Tyler Daniels Projection-Jim Hansen Sound-Jim Hansen Ushers-Rod & Melia Hefti Altar Guild-Karen Zach, Julie/Jim Hansen, Sherry Haase

10am Greeters-Virginia Backstrom LWA & CA-Dave Anderson CA-Steve McLagan, Kim Dunklau Acolyte-Hadley Dunklau Projection-Barb Stenwall Sound-Jerry Robinson Video-Kris Robinson Ushers-Roger Lentz, Stan Stenwall, Larry Lueders Altar Guild-Martina Swanson, Virginia Backstrom

### **Our Savior Lutheran Church**

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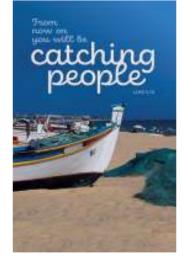
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# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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



## Welcome

February 8 & 9, 2025 *Fifth Sunday after Epiphany* 

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> Ministers: The People of Our Savior

**Pastor:** Rev. Chad Rademacher

> **Program Staff:** Connie Webber Director of Music

Bridget Vaith Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry

Virginia Kniesche Coordinator of Children's Ministry

## Order of Worship

Prelude Welcome & Announcements **Temple Talk** Gathering Song: ELW 815 **Confession & Forgiveness** Greeting Praver of the Day Hymn of Praise: Revelation Song Children's Time (Sun) First Reading: page 622 Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm: page 565 Psalm 138 Second Reading: page 1048 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 **Gospel Acclamation** Gospel: page 937 Luke 5:1-11 Message Hymn of the Day: ELW 574 Creed **Pravers of Intercession Sharing the Peace** Offering **Offering Song & Prayer** Great Thanksgiving, Preface & Holy, Holy, Holy **Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer Invitation to Communion Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer Parting Blessing** Sending Song: ELW 798 Dismissal Postlude End of Worship. Beginning of Service.