

## This Week at Our Savior – February 16-23

<b>Sunday</b>	Fellowship Hour <b>Worship &amp; Sunday School</b> Call Committee Mtg	9am <b>10am</b> 5pm
<b>Monday</b>	Sleeping Mat Ministry Foundation Board Mtg	9am 7pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Cluster Clergy Text Study</i> Worship at Kinship	10am 3:30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	OWL's Bible Study Visitation Ministry Group Joyful Noise Rehearsal Confirmation HS Youth Group Charity Circle	10am 1pm 6pm 6-7:30pm 7pm 7pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Wayne Food Truck at Journey Christian Church</i> <b>Worship</b>	9am <b>5:30pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	Fellowship Hour <b>Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>	9am <b>10am</b>

### 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.***

### READINGS

The lectionary readings for February 22 & 23 are Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38.

**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!

Welcome to worship. God plants us like trees beside streams of living water, provided by Jesus himself (Psalm 1:3; John 4:14). All who are thirsty, come and drink! **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.** Prayer Request cards can be found in the hymnal racks.

### 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 Verona Henschke from Sandra, Cheryl, Damon & Tracy, and Devan & Abigail. Radio broadcast of our Sunday morning worship service can be heard live on AM 1590 and FM 98.9, online at [waynedailynews.com](http://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.

### 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.



### FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our Savior will hold its 5th Annual Fish Fry on **Friday, March 28 at the Wayne City Auditorium, beginning at 5:30pm**. The menu will include fish, cheesy potatoes, bread, salads and desserts; a cash bar will also be available. Hotdogs and chips will be available for kids. All proceeds from the event will benefit OSLC Ministries.

Sign-up sheets to work and/or provide salads, desserts or potatoes are at the information desk! **Please mark your calendars and plan to help/contribute and attend!**

## CHILDREN'S OFFERING JAR!

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.

## STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

**Luke 6:20** –Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

*Why are the poor "blessed" and entranced into the kingdom of God? Emphasizing how wealth can be an obstacle to discipleship, Luke's gospel challenges us to rethink our relationship to money. What does this passage say to you?*

## 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.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2pm and Charity Circle meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7pm. The Visitation Group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 19, for "Buckets, Brass and Brownies" at Charity Circle, 7pm in the Social Room; we'll be polishing up the brass items used in the sanctuary during worship services and then enjoy some brownies. All are invited!

## THE CHURCH DIRECTORY APP...

**IT'S THE PERFECT RESOURCE TO STAY CONNECTED!** Get our church directory on your mobile device! Call and text members easily. Available for Android & Apple devices. Search for "Instant Church Directory" from your App Store. Once installed, you can create a login using your email listed in the directory.



**Note:** We can add/change pictures in the directory at any time and we'd love to update everyone's profile! If you have a new picture you'd like to use, simply email it to the church office ([kris@oslcwayne.org](mailto:kris@oslcwayne.org)) or there is also the option of uploading it yourself.

## 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 **this Monday, February 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!**

## 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!

## USE ACCOUNT #620!

Our Savior has an account at *Refind & Refresh*—account #620. Items can be donated and sold with 100% of proceeds going toward youth programming, trips, camp, etc...at Our Savior. Bring items in and let them know you'd like it to go to the OSLC Youth Account #620!

## 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.

## 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.

## 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

**What:** Wayne FFA Ag Advocacy Breakfast  
**When:** Sunday, February 16 from 9am-1pm  
**Where:** High School Shop (west side of high school)  
**Details:** Free will donation with proceeds going to the Ekberg and Tiedtke families. Pancakes, eggs, and sausage will be served; available for dine-in or to-go.

## 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 16, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### *Abundance of Blessing*

Poverty is not a virtue. It is a curse of our fallen world that will finally be undone when God's reign comes in its fullness. When hunger or homelessness is relieved in this life, it is a foretaste of that great day. Similarly, being hated, especially for the sake of Jesus, is not a goal for which we should strive. Why, then, does Jesus call those who are poor and reviled "blessed"?

The ancient prophet Jeremiah helps us understand Jesus' words. "Cursed are those who . . . make mere flesh their strength. . . . Blessed are those who trust in the Lord" (Jeremiah 17:5, 7). "Flesh" refers here not to our bodies but, rather, to human strength and capability, apart from God. In themselves, wealth, sufficient food, pleasures that bring laughter, and a positive reputation can be good. The problem comes when we base our security, hope, or sense of purpose on them. These good things then become idols. They become "flesh," displacing God from our hearts. Flesh cannot bear that burden, though, and will inevitably fail us. Jesus' words of blessing and woe are not a moral program or an ethical checklist, but shocking pronouncements meant to startle us out of our fixation on human capacities.

Jesus' beatitudes open us to the reality that Jeremiah declared: true blessing comes when we "trust in the Lord." We can risk human rejection, knowing that in baptism, we have been claimed eternally by God. If we are poor, God's word promises that we are treasured by the One who gave up everything for us. When we feel content with earthly food, at the Lord's table we discover that true delight comes from never-ending love present in simple bread and wine. When the song and prayer of the church give voice to lamentation, we find consolation and hope even in our tears.

Woe to us indeed if we allow ourselves to settle for mere human strength, when God's mercy and goodness are so much greater! In the word of the cross and the sacraments of grace, power comes forth from Jesus with blessing, strength, and joy forevermore.

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### **In Our Prayers . . . February 15 & 16, 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:*

#### **SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:**

#### *Health Concerns:*

- Continue to bring healing to Pastor Bill and all who are recovering from illness.
- For Julie as she has surgery this week.
- 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 Your help in doing those things You call us to do.

#### *Deaths:*

#### *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.

*...but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer. Psalm 66:19*

### Worship Assistants

**This Weekend (2/15 & 16)**

**Organist/Pianist:** Connie Webber

**5:30pm**

**Greeters-**Cheryl Roberts

**LWA & CA-**Nancy Breikreutz

**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

**Next Weekend (2/22 & 23)**

**Organist/Pianist:** Sue Olson, Connie Webber

**5:30pm**

**Greeters-**Cheryl Henschke

**LWA & CA-**Jim Hansen

**Acolyte-**Mason Nelson

**Projection-**Margaret Hansen

**Sound-**Jim Hansen

**Ushers-**Dave & Joan Baier

**Altar Guild-**no communion

**10am**

**Greeters-**Bill & Rhonda Blecke

**LWA & CA-**Madge Brufflat

**CA-**Ron & Karma Magnuson

**Acolyte-**Nash Hansen

**Projection-**Trisha/Logan Peters

**Sound-**Amber Labenz

**Video-**Trisha/Logan Peters

**Ushers-**Tom Hansen, Tim & Trisha Peters

**Altar Guild-**no communion

### Our Savior Lutheran Church

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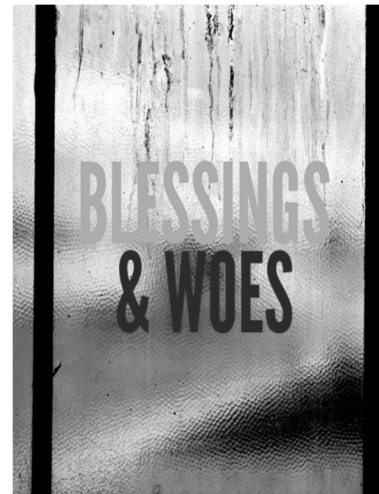


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# Our Savior Lutheran Church

**The Mission of Our Savior:**

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



## *Welcome*

**February 15 & 16, 2025**

*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

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#### **Ministers:**

The People of Our Savior

#### **Pastor:**

Rev. Chad Rademacher

#### **Program Staff:**

Connie Webber

*Director of Music*

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Virginia Kniesche

*Coordinator of Children's Ministry*

### Order of Worship

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Gathering Song:** ELW 807

**Confession & Forgiveness**

**Greeting**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Hymn of Contemplation:** ELW 754

**Children's Time** (*Sun*)

**First Reading:** page 705  
Jeremiah 17:5-10

**Psalm:** page 479  
Psalm 1

**Second Reading:** page 1048  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20

**Gospel Acclamation:** ELW 744

**Gospel:** page 939  
Luke 6:17-26

**Message**

**Hymn of the Day:** ELW 723

**Creed**

**Prayers 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 434

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

*End of Worship. Beginning of Service.*