

This Week at Our Savior – Feb 23-Mar 2

Sunday	Fellowship Hour Worship & Sunday School	9am 10am
Monday	Foundation Board Mtg (<i>rescheduled from last week</i>)	7pm
Tuesday	<i>Cluster Clergy Text Study</i>	10am
Wednesday	Devotions at Kinship Joyful Noise Rehearsal Confirmation HS Youth Group Charity Circle (<i>rescheduled from last week</i>)	3:30pm 6pm 6-7:30pm 7pm 7pm
Thursday	Kinship Bible Study	3:30pm
Friday		
Saturday	Worship	5:30pm
Sunday	Fellowship Hour Worship & Sunday School Worship at Countryview	9am 10am 1:30pm

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 March 1 & 2 are Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a].

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



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!***

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.

SOUND SYSTEM ISSUES

First of all, we'd like to apologize for the poor sound quality in recent worship services and to assure you that we are aware of it. In working to correct sound issues we learned that portions of our main speaker system in the sanctuary have failed and need to be replaced. We've received and accepted a bid to have the work done; this will take place mid-March. In the meantime, please bear with us! Thanks!!

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 Art Grone from his family. 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.

CELEBRATE THE BOLD WOMEN IN YOUR LIFE

Bold Women's Day—observed the first Sunday of March—celebrates all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Since this is "Bold Women of Faith" month, the Women of the ELCA Executive Board is extending an invitation to all women of OSLC, to attend Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 26, at Atkinson. We especially hope to encourage our young women of faith, who have never attended a Spring Gathering to accept our invitation to expand their faith experience.

Don't know if you would go by yourself? Grab one or two of your church friends and give one of us a call to get you registered. It is a good experience and an opportunity to meet other young women of faith. There will be a car pool to travel together.

LENT BEGINS

Ash Wednesday is March 5, 2025. An Ash Wednesday worship service will be held at Our Savior at 7pm. The service will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

Midweek Lenten services will be held at 7pm each Wednesday evening, March 12–April 9. The services will include a scripture reflection, a faith story and Holden Evening Prayer.

Join us for supper each Wednesday evening before worship; supper is served from 5:45–6:45pm. There is no charge for the meal, but a freewill offering is taken with proceeds going to the group or organization providing the meal. Come, invite a friend or neighbor, and enjoy the evening as community in Christ.



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.

All are invited to be part of this fundraiser; it takes many volunteers! 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!**

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 26, (rescheduled from last week) 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!

MATCHING FUNDS CHALLENGE

The congregation’s leadership agreed to a \$5,000 gift for 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, 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.

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

Genesis 45:15 – *And Joseph kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.* Meeting them years after they had sold him into slavery, Joseph now greets his brothers with love, forgiveness, assistance and restoration. A great model for loving relationships! What loving relationships need your forgiveness and restoration?

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.



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.

IRIS PRAYER CHAIN

Our Savior’s Prayer Chain is shared via our IRIS (*Immediate Response Information System*)...with each participant being notified of a prayer request by receiving a phone call, email or text. Please let the office know if you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain (402.375.2899 or kris@oslcwayne.org).

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) or there is also the option of uploading it yourself.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

February 23, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Countercultural Love

In today's gospel reading, Jesus offers us a vision of a different way of living, one rooted in God's endless mercy. People of God are to love others, do good, and share their possessions—in abundance, in extravagance, to the point that our generosity seems foolish by the world's standards.

This lavishness is possible only through the power of Jesus, who first heals us and invites us to taste and see God's mercy for ourselves. We witness this mercy in scripture through stories of God's profound love and compassion. We experience it as we join in song and prayer in worship, engaging in ancient practices that draw us beyond ourselves and closer to God and neighbor. We remember the mercy we've experienced in the waters of baptism and taste Christ's abundance in holy communion. We practice generosity in our offerings and share God's peace with our fellow worshipers with whom we are bound together, even though we might never have chosen them as neighbors.

With Christ in us, we are able to practice this abundant love today and tomorrow, in our worship and beyond, returning to the font and table again and again to be reminded of the love that dwells within us and surrounds us, making us bold in our love for others.

To try to practice this kind of countercultural love on our own would likely lead to discouragement. But we are given the gift of community—with one another, those who have come before us, and hope for the ones who will come after us. Together, we form one body in Christ, strengthened by God's Spirit. Together, we remind one another of God's promise of unending love and forgiveness and encourage each other to follow Jesus' example. And together, we focus our minds and hearts to catch glimpses of God's kingdom among us, even as we wait for the world Jesus envisions to be made complete on earth as it is in heaven.

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In Our Prayers... February 22 & 23, 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: Carol Griesch

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:

Deaths:

- For the family of Margie Melena.

Other Prayers:

- For my co-worker who delivered twins this week.
- Be with Pr. Chad during his retreat.
- Watch over all struggling during these times.
- 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 (2/22 & 23)

Organist/Pianist: Sue Olson, Connie Webber

5:30pm

Greeters-Cheryl Henschke

LWA & CA-Jim Hansen

Acolyte-Mason Nelson

Projection-Margaret Hansen

Sound-

Ushers-Dave & Joan Baier

Altar Guild-no communion

10am

Greeters-Bill & Rhonda Blecke

LWA & CA-Madge Brufat

CA-Ron & Karma Magnuson

Acolyte-Logan Peters

Projection-Trisha/Logan Peters

Sound-Amber Labenz

Video-Trisha/Logan Peters

Ushers-Tom Hansen, Tim & Trisha Peters

Altar Guild-no communion

Next Weekend (3/1 & 2)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm

Greeters-Melia Hefti

LWA & CA-Tyler Frevert

Acolyte-Caysen Gamble

Projection-Melissa Rabbass

Sound-Dave Baier

Ushers-Cheryl Roberts, Ron & Corliss

Krusemark

Altar Guild-Janet Sievers, Dorothy Wert,

Leslie Johnson

10am

Greeters-Chad & Tiffany Henderson

LWA & CA-Karma Magnuson

CA-Sue Olson, Madge Brufat

Acolyte-Layton Becker

Projection-Kenna Blecke

Sound-Jerry Robinson

Video-Kris Robinson

Ushers-Dave Anderson, Dave Olson,

Brad Wieland

Altar Guild-Madge Brufat, Julie Grone

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The Mission of Our Savior:

That all may know Christ,

grow in Christ,

and joyfully go with Christ.



Welcome

February 22 & 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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Ministers:

The People of Our Savior

Pastor:

Rev. Chad Rademacher

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Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: ELW 707

Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Hymn of Contemplation: ELW 632

Children's Time (*Sun*)

First Reading: page 41

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalm: page 500

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

Special Music (*Sun*)

Second Reading: page 1049

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Gospel Acclamation: ELW 528

Gospel: page 939

Luke 6:27-38

Message

Hymn of the Day: *Thy Word*

Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing the Peace

Offering

Special Music (*Sun*)

Offering Song & Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Parting Blessing

Sending Song: ELW 545

Dismissal

Postlude

End of Worship. Beginning of Service.