

This Week at Our Savior – March 9-16

Sunday	Coffee with Council	9am
	Worship & Sunday School	10am
	Confirmation Class	4pm
Monday	Staff Meeting	10:30am
	Christian Ed Mtg	6pm
	Fellowship Team Mtg	6:30pm
	Council Mtg	7pm
Tuesday	<i>Cluster Clergy Text Study</i>	<i>10am</i>
Wednesday	<i>WACAM</i>	<i>10:30</i>
	Joy Circle	2pm
	Lenten Supper (<i>Scalloped Potatoes & Ham</i>)	5:45-6:45pm
	Joyful Noise Rehearsal	6pm
	Midweek Lenten Worship	7pm
	HS Youth Group (<i>following worship</i>)	
Thursday	Kinship Bible Study	3:30pm
Friday		
Saturday	Worship	5:30pm
Sunday	Fellowship Hour	9am
	Worship & Sunday School	10am
	Confirmation Class	4pm

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 15 & 16 are Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17--4:1; Luke 13:31-35.

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!

The apostle Paul wrote: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13). So we call on God’s name and rejoice! Welcome. **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 UPDATE

You may know that we have been experiencing poor sound quality in recent worship services. In working to correct these 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; if all goes as planned, the work will be done this week!

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 the birthdays of Ronnie Wert and Arnold Heitman by Dorothy Wert. 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.



SUBSCRIBE TO

...a daily Lenten devotion brought to you by the alumni of Luther Seminary; get a devotion delivered to your email inbox every morning. <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/>

JOIN US DURING LENT

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. Our Lenten worship theme is *Our Journey of Baptism Into Christ*.

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. **This week’s menu: scalloped potatoes & ham.**



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!**

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 is 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.

SPONSOR A RADIO BROADCAST

Consider sponsoring a radio broadcast; Cost is \$75 or \$40 each for co-sponsors. The first available dates to sponsor a radio broadcast are **March 16 and April 20, 2025;** other dates are available later in the year. Radio broadcast of our Sunday morning worship service can be heard live on AM 1590 and FM 98.9.

DOLLAR DOOR OFFERING—WAYNE FOOD PANTRY

Each month our Dollar Door Offering (offering plate in center of the Narthex) goes to support the efforts of a different ministry. The March Dollar Door Offering recipient will be the 40/40 Lenten Challenge and the Wayne Food Pantry. Together our dollars can help them help others!

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.

PRAYER TIME

This month's "Prayer Time" in the March Newsletter features *Praying in Color*. "Praying in color is a prayer practice that involves openness to God's presence while you color." Our Savior's Newsletter is mailed out each month; a copy can also be found on our website: www.oslcwayne.org.

40/40 CHALLENGE

Our Savior is offering the 40 Days/40 Items challenge during Lent again this year. **A list of 40 food pantry items is available at the table at the back of the sanctuary to use as your guide. BRING 40 FOOD PANTRY ITEMS FOR THE 40 DAYS OF LENT.** The Wayne Food Pantry will receive all donated items.



If you prefer to make a **MONETARY DONATION**, just earmark it 40/40; OSLC confirmation youth will go shopping to purchase items before delivering all donations to the Wayne Food Pantry. **The March Dollar Door Offering will also go to the 40/40 Lenten Challenge.**

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, March 12, for Joy Circle, 2pm in the Social Room; Phyllis will provide a program with a focus on Lent. All women of the congregation are invited!

BIBLE STUDY AT KINSHIP

Bible Study at Kinship meets on the 2nd & 4th 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, March 13, 3:30pm.** Everyone is welcome.

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!

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 March: paper products—Kleenex and disposable diapers; **cleaning items**—detergent, laundry soap, hand soap and window, floor and furniture cleaners; **toiletry items**—shampoo, conditioner, deodorant for men and women, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, hair brushes, and hand and body lotion.

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>.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

March 9, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Journeying through the Wilderness

The wilderness has captured the imaginations of artists, adventurers, and spiritual seekers for thousands of years. It can be a place of profound self-discovery, exploration, beauty, and solitude. It is a place of few distractions: no commerce, no schedule, no business as usual. The wilderness can be a freeing place that opens us up to experience life in new and profound ways.

However, the wilderness is also disorienting and lonely. The landscape can be brutal and unforgiving. Wilderness wanderers can easily find themselves lost, exhausted, and dirty. The unbearable heat of the day, the uncomfortable cold of the nights, and the lack of food, water, or shade can bring people to their breaking point. The wilderness has been a place of exile and punishment, and a place where people's strength, determination, and faith are put to the test.

The complexities of the wilderness set the stage for today's gospel story, in which we get a glimpse of who Jesus is and who he is called to be. In the wilderness, we see the depth of Jesus' faith. Jesus is not swayed by the allure of power, control, authority, or physical comfort. He does not buy into the tempter's lies. Even in the disorientation and isolation of the wilderness, Jesus trusts in the Spirit, who has led him to this place and who gives him the strength to live into his call throughout his journey.

We are at the beginning of our own journey, a Lenten season of metaphorical wilderness wandering. The good news is that we do not go alone. The Spirit goes before us, behind us, beside us, and within us. Along this journey, the many voices of the tempter may try to lure us in with power, control, authority, or comfort. And yet, our trust and our identities lie with the One who already defeated the tempter. We already have all we need. In Christ, we are already loved, forgiven, and made whole, no matter where our journeys take us.

From sundaysandseasons.com.
Copyright © 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.



In Our Prayers... March 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:

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health Concerns:

- For our friends with aging parents as they deal with new realities and hospital stays.
- 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 spring and new life.

Deaths:

- For the family of Pr. Bill Koeber in the death of his brother, Don Koeber, and for Don's family.

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 (3/8 & 9)

Musician: Alan Bruflat, Shelly Armstrong
5:30pm

Greeters-Ron Doring
LWA & CA-Kathy Becker
Acolyte-Mason Nelson
Projection-Margaret Hansen
Sound-Dave Baier
Ushers-Dorothy Wert, Marsha Roth
Altar Guild-Joan Baier, Denise Broders, Teri Koenig

10am

Greeters-Lynette Lentz
LWA & CA-Steve McLagan
CA-Cynthia Puntney, Lynette Lentz
Acolyte-Grant Law
Projection-Leslie/Tyler Johnson
Sound-Amber Labenz
Video-Leslie/Tyler Johnson
Ushers-Ron Magnuson, Kelvin Puntney, John Magnuson, Noah Magnuson
Altar Guild-Teri Koenig, Lynette Lentz

Wednesday (3/12) 7pm

Acolyte-Logan Peters
Projection-Barb Stenwall
Sound-Jerry Robinson
Video-Kris Robinson
Ushers-Roger Lentz, Stan Stenwall, Larry Lueders

Next Weekend (3/15 & 16)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber
5:30pm

Greeters-Paula Gemelke
LWA & CA-Jim Hansen
Acolyte-Tyler Daniels
Projection-Jim Hansen
Sound-Jim Hansen
Ushers-Rod & Melia Hefti
Altar Guild-Paula Gemelke, Julie/Jim Hansen, Corliss Krusemark

10am

Greeters-Dorothy Wert
LWA & CA-Amelia Legler
CA-Karma Magnuson, Kim Dunklau
Acolyte-Serenity Victor
Projection-Gabriel Armstrong
Sound-Jerry Robinson
Video-Kris Robinson
Ushers-Tom Hansen, Tim & Trisha Peters
Altar Guild-Cynthia Miller, Trisha Peters

Our Savior Lutheran Church

*A congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

Church Council

Kelly Grone, *President*
Larry Lueders, *Vice President*
Mary Mohl, *Secretary*
Kim Dunklau, *Treasurer*
Marion Arneson
Ron Carnes
Paula Gemelke
Tim Hansen
Amber Labenz
Chris McGuire

Office E-Mail

oslc@oslcwayne.org
pastorchad@oslcwayne.org
cwebber2323@gmail.com
kris@oslcwayne.org
mhansen@oslcwayne.org

Custodian

Mary Stalling

Websites

www.oslcwayne.org
www.nebraskasynod.org
www.elca.org

Find us on Facebook:
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Wayne NE
(ELCA)



We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace.—The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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



Welcome

March 8 & 9, 2025
First Sunday in Lent

421 N Pearl Street | Wayne, NE 68787
402/375-2899

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
Gathering Song
Thanksgiving for Baptism
Greeting
Prayer of the Day
Hymn of Praise
Children's Time (*Sun*)
First Reading: page 180
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalms: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Special Music (*Sat*)
Second Reading: page 1032
Romans 10:8b-13
Gospel Acclamation
Gospel: page 936
Luke 4:1-13
Message
Hymn of the Day: ELW 629 (*Sat*)
ELW 787 (*Sun*)
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
Blessing & Prayer after Communion
Parting Blessing
Sending Song
Dismissal
Postlude

End of Worship. Beginning of Service.