This Week at Our Savior – March 23-30

Sunday	Fellowship Hour Worship & Sunday School	9am 10am
	Confirmation Class	4pm
Monday	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Tuesday	Cluster Clergy Text Study	10am
Wednesday	OWL's Bible Study Lenten Supper (Grilled Hotdogs & fix 'ins) Midweek Lenten Worship HS Youth Group (following worship)	10am 5:45-6:45pm 7pm
Thursday	Bible Study at Kinship	3:30pm
Friday	Fish Fry! @ City Auditorium	begin serving at 5:30pm
Saturday	Worship	5:30pm
Sunday	Fellowship Hour Worship & Sunday School	9am 10am
	Confirmation Class	4pm

READINGS

The lectionary readings for March 29 & 30 are Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

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!**

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

Isaiah 55:2 – Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Stewardship is about making wise choices in life – choices that promote health, wellbeing and faithful living. Isaiah asks the key questions and provides wise advice.

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!

Isaiah announced God's invitation: "Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink ... it's all free!" (55:1, NLT). Are you thirsty for good news, peace, hope, love? Christ is the water of life. Welcome to worship. 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 OFFERING JAR & DOODLE PAPER!

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.**

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 Elmer & Ruth Wacker's wedding anniversary from their children and families. 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.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Reminder...please contact the church office regarding <u>any meetings or gatherings scheduled</u> 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.*



FISH FRY THIS WEEK!

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; please plan to help/contribute and attend!

JOIN US DURING LENT

Midweek Lenten services will be held at 7pm each Wednesday evening, through 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: grilled hotdogs & fix 'ins.**

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.*

OWL'S BIBLE STUDY

The OWL's Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. This study led by Mary Mohl is using the *Books of Faith Series* from Augsburg Fortress to study the New Testament book of Romans. **Join them on Wednesday, March 26, at 10am** in the multipurpose room.

BOLD WOMEN & SPRING GATHERING

Bold Women's Day was *observed the first Sunday of March*, celebrating all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. With this being "Bold Women of Faith" month, the Women of the ELCA Executive Board is extending an invitation to all women of OSLC, to attend the Women of the ELCA 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.

It is a good experience and an opportunity to meet other young women of faith. A sign-up sheet to carpool is at the information desk and registration forms are on the kiosk.

HELP US UPDATE the church directory app...

It's the perfect resource to stay connected! We can add/change pictures in our online 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.

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.



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.

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 programing, 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!

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.

SOFTBALL PASTA FEED

The Wayne Dirt Devils are hosting a Pasta Feed Fundraiser this Sunday, March 23. The Dirt Devil softball players, along with the softball association members, will be serving pasta from 10:30am–1:30pm at the Wayne City Auditorium. To-go meals will be available as well! Tickets are \$10 each.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Passion/Palm Sunday

April 12 & 13 Worship: 5:30pm & 10am (with Nebraska Brass Band)

Maundy Thursday

April 17
Worship with Holy Communion: 7pm

Good Friday

April 18 Worship: 7pm

A Passion Story Movie will be shown in the sanctuary following the worship service.

Easter Sunday

April 20 Worship with Holy Communion Sunrise Service: 7am

Easter Breakfast: following sunrise worship until 9:30am
Festival Worship: 10am

Please Note: There will not be a Saturday evening service on April 19.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

March 23, 2025 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

We Have Choices

We have choices, right? Obviously. There's little question about that; it's a fact. Many of these choices are piled and piling up in the lockboxes of our upbringing and experiences, of our moral certainties, religious convictions, political opinions, or economic maneuverings. We make choices about our educational endeavors, vocational callings, use of our days and years, relationship commitments, dietary habits, travel destinations, color coordination, hairstyles, sexual behaviors, EV or gas, whole or skim, movie or book. All these choices—be they monumental or minuscule, automatic or sleep-depriving, public or private, frivolous or practical, courageous or cowardly—we shuffle, sort, and seal in one envelope or another: one labeled right and one marked wrong, the good envelope and the bad envelope.

Our choices mostly happen like that until for some reason, hard telling what reason, our certainties are disturbed and our absolutes begin to rattle like loose bolts under the frame of an old truck on a potholed road. It's what happens when, by mistake or under force, good or bad luck, we discover that broccoli isn't disgusting, snakes aren't slimy, the earth isn't flat, men may love men, more might not be better, aliens need not be strangers, and God's justice surely demands mercy.

Jesus started tugging at a snag of choices with a parable about a tree, a vineyard, a gardener, a saw, and manure. The tree was a no-hoper (there could be lots of reasons). With not a fig on a limb, if it had been another variety of fruit tree you'd call it a "bad apple." The choice: saw or donkey dung. Jesus rejects the blade, chooses the excrement.

Martin Luther (liking Latin) said, "Simul justus et peccator," meaning we are at the same time both saint and sinner. Or as Jesus put it, love those bum branches down to their roots, put your hands in the dirt, and see what fruit they bear.

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In Our Prayers... March 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:

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health Concerns:

- For my grandpa who fell earlier this week.
- For my boss who started chemo.
- 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 families together in church.
- For time spent with family and friends.
- For those sharing their faith stories this Lenten season.
- For never stopping to try to get our attention.

Deaths:

Other Prayers:

- For those traveling.
- 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 surly listened and heard my voice in prayer. Psalm 66:19

Worship Assistants

This Weekend (3/22 & 23)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber 5:30pm

Greeters-

LWA & CA-Grant Miller Acolyte-Hadley Woehler

Projection-Margaret Hansen

Sound-

Ushers-Dave & Joan Baier

Altar Guild-No Communion

10am

Greeters-Tim & Trisha Peters

LWA-Dave Anderson

Acolyte-Mason Wendte

Projection-Amber Labenz

Sound-Trisha Peters

Video-Tom Hansen

Ushers-Steve McLagan, Ron Carnes, Alex

Phelps, Pete Reeg

Altar Guild-No Communion

Wednesday (3/26) 7pm

Acolyte-Sophia Petersen

Projection-Melissa Rabbass

Sound-Amber Labenz

Video-Tom Hansen

Ushers-Ron Magnuson, Kelvin Puntney, John

& Noah Magnuson

Next Weekend (3/29 & 30)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm

Greeters-Jim Hansen

LWA & CA-Nancy Breitkreutz

Acolyte-Landon Woehler

Projection-Margaret Hansen

Sound-

Ushers-Cheryl Roberts, Ron & Corliss

Krusemark

Altar Guild-Marsha Roth, Janet Sievers,

Kim Lueders

10am

Greeters-Bill & Rhonda Blecke

LWA & CA-Norah Armstrong

CA-Madge Bruflat, Kin Dunklau

Acolyte-Layton Becker

Projection-Barb Stenwall

Video-Kris Robinson

Sound-Jerry Robinson

Ushers-Roger Lentz, Stan Stenwall, Larry

Lueders

Altar Guild-Debbie Bargholz, Rhonda Blecke

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The Mission of Our Savior:

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



Welcome

March 22 & 23, 2025 Third Sunday in Lent

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The People of Our Savior

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Rev. Chad Rademacher

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Connie Webber Director of Music

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Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: ELW 803

Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Hymn of Contemplation: ELW 325

Children's Time (Sun)

First Reading: page 671

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm: Psalm 63:1-8

Special Music (Sun)

Second Reading: page 1044

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: page 950 Luke 13:1-9

Message

Hymn of the Day: Old Rugged Cross

Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing the Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Parting Blessing

Sending Song: ELW 324

Dismissal Postlude

End of Worship. Beginning of Service.