



# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## May 21st, 2023—Weekly Happenings

*"Open to Serve a Loving Christ"*



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**Included in our prayers this week:**

Linda Eng, Derek Gerlach, Elaine Powers, Cory Scofield, Vern Thorson, Hayley Hansen, Bruce Clark, Dolly Kenison,

**All of our services members:**

Especially Brandon Peters, Dylan Erickson, David Eng, Nick Orlick, Cyrah Gundvaldson & Bridget Flannery

**VISITORS:** Please fill out the tan, "Welcome" card with a cross on it located in your pew! Place in the offering plate or hand to the Usher. Please sign our guest book as well.

**NEW MEMBER??** If anyone is interested in becoming a member of Our Savior's Lutheran, please contact the church office, 997-2186 or [oslcf@iw.net](mailto:oslcf@iw.net). We'd be excited to welcome you into our church family!

**NOON PRAYER:** Livestreamed on the church Facebook page Monday - Thursday at noon. Join in a brief break in the week day to stop and center yourself, while meditating on the scripture texts for the next Sunday.

**SAVE THE DATES VBS**



VBS Dates are July 31 - August 3  
Evening performance August 3rd. The VBS students will also be performing at the Park Days Worship on August 6th.  
Our theme this year is "Hero Hotline"

**WELCA BIBLE STUDY'S** next meeting is May 25th, 2023, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Ramona Hayes will lead the study, using the Bible study from the Gather Magazine. Copies of the Bible study are available in the magazine rack inside the Ed. Unit if you do not receive the Gather Magazine. Please join us!

**Moody County church groups will be serving at THE BANQUET on June 7th** 6-8 workers are needed at 2:00pm & 20-40 workers are needed to serve at 5:15pm. The guests will be treated to a roast beef dinner again this year. Please contact the office or Jane Delay if you are able to help. Donation checks should be made out to **The Banquet** & mailed directly to **Jane**.  
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**BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING!** Our endowment fund was established by generous gifts and distributes funds each year to our companion synods in Nicaragua and Cameroon, Moody County Boys and Girls Club, The Breadbasket and to meet other local and global needs. Did you know that you can make a gift to the endowment of any amount at any time? Contact an endowment committee member or Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota (605.274.5030 or [lpqsd@sdsynod.org](mailto:lpqsd@sdsynod.org)) for more information

**SD 36TH ANNUAL WOMEN OF THE ELCA (WELCA)**

**CONVENTION:**

**June 21, 22, 23 2023** at Calvary Lutheran Church; 5311 Lake Road, Rapid City SD 57702. Theme "All Are Welcome" – "Let all that you do be one in love" 1 Corinthians 16:14.  
Registration fee: **\$50 if paid by June 1; \$65 if paid on June 1 or later.** For more details (times, hotels & etc.) please see the poster on the bulletin boards in Education Unit & Entrance.

**SUMMER DAILY PRAYER** (for those of you who like to follow along): During the summer, Pastor Ramona will be using "Praying the Catechism" by Donald W Johnson and Susan C. Johnson as the devotional. We will be praying through the Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer, and Apostles' Creed this summer and finishing the book the following summer. This study will start with Daily Prayer on May 29th. The prayer used will be Luther's Morning Prayer.

**FILL THE BOOKSHELF** Pastor Ramona has challenged us to raise \$4000 to provide materials and training for the lay pastors and youth of the Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope in Nicaragua. So far we have raised just a little over \$770 from our Lenten Midweek Offerings. We will be doing an envelope offering in May. Let's bless our siblings with the resources they need to learn about their Lutheran identity.

**Open to Serve a Loving Christ**, we are a caring congregation. Pastor Ramona invites you to pray with her as we develop our **SHEPHERDS AND SAINTS MINISTRY** (formerly Stephen's Ministry). The first step is to pray for God's guidance in identifying people who are called to be Shepherds. A Shepherd's role is to journey alongside one or two of our Saints (praying for them, sending cards, visiting). Please prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you or someone you know to this ministry of listening and presence as you pray:

*Thank you, Creator God, for gifting your people with compassion and enthusiasm to care for one another. We would ask that you help us encourage one another in this journey, that surely we might offer the ministry of Christlike healing to all who yearn for greater peace, new strength, and grace beyond measure. All this we pray in Christ's name. Amen.*

**OLSC ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT:** As of March 31, 2023, OSLC's Endowment Fund value was \$609,168; an increase from \$586,000 on January 1. Quarterly distributions are made to OSLC from the fund of part of its earnings. At the end of March, \$6,166 was received for the first quarter of 2023 and approximately that amount is expected to be received at the end of each quarter. Uses of these funds are limited to: Mission, Benevolence, Christian education, and capital building/repairs not budgeted for. The Endowment Committee met last month and recommended the Council use funds received this year for the following: \$1,000/quarter to the SD Companion Synod for mission work; \$750/quarter to Moody County Breadbasket; \$750/quarter to Moody County Boys and Girls Club; \$2,000/quarter set aside for OSLC improvements/repairs and the balance (\$1,666 this quarter) to be used in the discretion of the Council for any of the authorized purposes as needs are identified

**From the Bishop's Desk:**

Dear SD Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!

We are people of the Resurrection: "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1) What does that mean to you? What do you hear when you hear those words about being raised with Christ? What are the things above that we should set our hearts on?

As people of the Resurrection, we are people that walk wet, not because of the snow and rain we are having this Spring, but because of our baptismal promises. We continuously live in the tension of 'both and' as Lutherans. We are sinners and fall short of the glory of God. All. The. Time. AND we are saints, set free through the gift of Christ's resurrection to live a life free of fear. How would your life change if you would be completely set free of your fears? How would your congregation's climate and life change, if you would be set free of all fears?

As we gather in June for the SD Synod Assembly at Our Savior's in Sioux Falls, we will gather together as a rural synod, as a diverse people, with various stories from various contexts, but share one baptismal call. And together we will ask the resurrected Christ to accompany us as we cultivate the landscape of today's church with an eye on the future of ministry in the South Dakota Synod and the wider church.

Please, join us at the Assembly to hear keynote speakers that have been long term experts in rural ministry as well as be in community with your neighbor, who shares the land and the life as a member of the South Dakota Synod with you. Please watch for the weekly e-news announcement about Synod Assembly registration and future announcements about the Assembly. If you have not signed up for the weekly e-news you can do so on the synod's website [www.sdsynod.org](http://www.sdsynod.org). Thanks for journeying together in Christ.

Journeying in Christ with you,  
Rev. Constanze Hagmaier  
Bishop of the SD Synod

**WEEKLY HAPPENINGS: May 21st-May 28th 2023**

**Sunday 21**

Worship w/Communion

=>Coffee and Fellowship to Follow

**Monday 22**

Office Open 8:00-4:30

Pastor Ramona in Office 9:00-12:00

PEO 4:00-7:00

**Tuesday 23**

9:00 Tie Quilts

Pastor Ramona at JJ's 9:00-12:00

**Wednesday 24**

Office Open 8:00-4:30

Pastor Ramona in Office 9:00-12:00

**Thursday 25**

**Friday 26**

**Saturday 27**

**Sunday 28**

Worship

=>Coffee and Fellowship to Follow

**THANK YOU:**

**Greeters:** Bethany Thielsen & Family

**Pianist:** Mary Beth Sutton

**Song Leader:** Dan Sutton

**Reader:** Beth Wesala

**Sound board:** Randy Tollefson & Titus Tollefson

**Coffee:** Beth Wesala & Allen Loehr

Communion: Pedro & Heidi Johnson, Aubrey Rose

**Acolytes:** Tillie Haugen & Elaina Bushkofsky

**Last Week's Worship In-Person Attendance:** 232

**MORTGAGE BALANCE:** As of 4/20/2023, the mortgage balance was \$19,591.28

**THE BREADBASKET** has a theme based suggestion list for every month. All regular food and monetary donations are still happily accepted.

**May:** Peanut butter, oatmeal and pancake mixes.

If you are in need of food, bring your photo ID and official piece of mail. Open Thursdays from 1:30-5pm. Located at 202 E 2nd Ave. Flandreau. You can receive food once a month.

**MOODY COUNTY CARES** The Moody County Ministerial Association and Moody County Cares are working together along with the Breadbasket, Maynard's, and others to coordinate a response to the needs for food and other essentials by the people of Moody County. This effort will serve two groups of people: those who can't afford needed items such as food, soap, and laundry detergent, and those who can afford needed items but need to stay isolated for health reasons (seniors, immunocompromised, etc). Please contact the help center by dialing 211, by texting 898211 or reach out to us on [www.moodycountycares.com](http://www.moodycountycares.com). *If you would like to volunteer please visit [www.moodycountycares.com](http://www.moodycountycares.com).*