



# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## July 30th, 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, Vicki Rentschler and Edith Christiansen.

**All of our services members:**

Especially Brandon Peters, Dylan Erickson, David Eng, Nick Orlick, & 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.

**SWIM UP TO SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION!**

August 7, 6:00-8:00pm @ the Flandreau Pool. ALL are welcome to come enjoy some swimming & snacks and sign up for the 2023-24 Sunday School year!

**YOUTH GROUP SWIM PARTY** August 9, 6:00-8:00pm @ the Flandreau Pool.

**OSLC SOFTBALL PRAISE DAY.** August 27 at Cardinal Field. Two teams Youth Group (Current & Alumni); two teams from the Congregation. Registration at 12:00, Devotion and Prayer at 12:15, and the Tournament starts at 1:00. Come out with the family and have fund supporting our Youth Group. Free meal afterwards.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS TOMORROW!**

July 31 - August 3

Evening performance August 3rd.

Community Meal follows.

The VBS students will also be performing at the Park Days Worship on August 6th.

**COOKOUT AT THE PARSONAGE: TODAY!**

Sunday July 30, 5-7 pm. Pastor Ramona and Tim (mostly Tim!) want to show off their culinary skills. Join us for Tim's famous pulled pork, and enjoy backyard games and good food! If it rains, we'll be in the garage and basement.

**WELCA MEETING SUMMARY:** for Thursday July 20, 2023

There is \$2540 in the WELCA checking account as of 7-20-23. Bills to be paid for supplies in the kitchen will bring the balance to approximately \$2400. \$1,125 was received for the Love offering. \$217 was dispersed to each of the local charities on the WELCA list. Items for school kits are now being gathered. The list of supplies needed is in the Happenings. WELCA has served 5 funerals so far in 2023. Pastor Ramona reported that the Ministerial Association is getting started up again. The contingency fund WELCA had set up for those in need of assistance has not been used. It was decided to give that amount of the contingency fund to the Ministerial Association for this year only. The WELCA Treasurer will look up the exact amount. Pastor is going to Riverview and Edgewood once a month for visitation. Helpers from the Circles are not need to go with her at this time. Guest Day is set for Sept. 14, 2023 starting at noon. All women from the area will be invited to the salad luncheon. The fall gathering for Medary Conference WELCA will be on Sept 19, 2023 in Arlington. OSLC WELCA will host the spring gathering in Flandreau on April 24, 2024.

**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. As of this Sunday, we have raised \$2186! We are over halfway there! To donate, take a post-it from the "Fill the Bookshelf" board outside the sanctuary. Donate the dollar amount listed on the post-it and place it in the envelope on the board. Please make checks payable to Our Savior's Lutheran church, with "books for Nicaragua" written in the memo line. From our siblings in Nicaragua: Muchas Gracias!"

## WANT TO SEE LOWER TAXES AND INCREASED INCOME?

Perhaps a charitable gift annuity is the answer. The benefits include a tax deduction; lifetime fixed payments of tax- advantaged income as high as 9.7% depending on your current age; and possible capital gains tax relief as well. Contact Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota at 605.274.5030 or visit our website at [www.lpgsd.org](http://www.lpgsd.org) for more information.

## EVER WONDER WHAT THE SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD DOES?

At the 2023 synod assembly, we learned that "Journeying Together in Christ" as the South Dakota Synod, in 2022 we:

- Walked a new start congregation, Spirit of Hope, in Scotland, South Dakota, as they called their mission developer and found a site to worship, after outgrowing the house they were worshipping in.
- Continued to partner with the McLaughlin Community Alliance Group, a nonprofit utilizing the building of Redeemer Lutheran Church for the empowerment of the community.
- Began exploration for two new potential church plants, with Box Elder and Shepherd's Table in Sioux Falls.
- Walked with 30 people in various stages of candidacy and had three new entrance interviews in January of 2023.
- Received nine new first call candidates, completed 28 ministry site studies and extended 41 calls. Insured that nearly every congregation has a called pastor, interim pastor, synodically authorized minister, or lay leader to care for God's people.
- Distributed \$60,201 through the seminary debt reduction program, granted \$124,290 in scholarship funds to seminary students plus \$20,000 in internship site assistance.
- Distributed 37 disaster recovery micro grants for \$18,800 to congregations in need of repairs or community relief after natural disasters. In addition, Beaver valley Lutheran Church received \$22,000 from Lutheran disaster response and \$10,000 from Synod storm recovery funds for their tornado recovery.
- Continued to invest in developing our rostered leaders, synodically authorized leaders, and lay leaders through a variety of new education initiatives.
- Created new synod staff positions including a rural ministry liaison to journey with our rural ministry sites. The rural ministry liaison has worked with congregations in transition all across South Dakota.

You are an essential part of this work. Your prayers and your gifts make the ministry of the South Dakota Synod possible. Thank you!

## CHUCKLES

The Pastor came to visit the other day. She said that at my advanced age I should be thinking of the hereafter.

I told her "Oh, I do it all the time."

"No matter where I am - in the living room, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement, I am always asking myself: 'Now, what am I here after?'"

## WEEKLY HAPPENINGS: Jul 30th - Aug 6th 2023

### **Sunday 30**

Worship

=>Coffee and Fellowship to Follow

Cookout at Parsonage 5:00

### **Monday 31**

VBS

### **Tuesday Aug 1**

VBS

### **Wednesday 2**

VBS

### **Thursday 3**

VBS

VBS Program 6:00

### **Friday 4**

### **Saturday 5**

### **Sunday 6**

Park Days Worship at Flandreau Park

Education Committee TBD

Edgewood Service 2:00

## THANK YOU:

**Greeters:** Cathy Loehr

**Pianist:** Mary Beth Sutton

**Song Leader:** Dan Sutton

**Reader:** Vicki Solem

**Coffee:** Kyle and Sandy Elenkiwich

**Sound board:** Beth Wesala

**Last Week's Worship In-Person Attendance:** 48

**MORTGAGE BALANCE:** As of 6/20/2023, the mortgage balance was \$12,373.43

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

**August:** Pasta meals & pasta sauce.

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). You can Call, Text or Chat using 988 to contact the help center. You can also 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).*