



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

August 20th, 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 oslc@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.

WELCA MISSIONS: What we need right now is the donation of notebooks to complete **School Kits:** 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled, no loose-paper (Four for each kit).

Please leave supplies in the quilt room.

Gwenda Gullickson, WELCA Missions

BREKKIE AND BLESSING: 5th-8th grade pre-confirmation and confirmation students are invited to join Pastor Ramona for breakfast and a blessing on August 21st from 7:30am until you need to leave to get to school. Start the first day of school nourished in body and soul!

BETHEL LUTHERAN HOME: is looking for an activities assistant. This job is full-time and includes benefits. If you have ever considered working in a field that literally affects lives on a daily basis, now is your chance. Activities in a long-term care setting are vital to the health and happiness of residents. YOU could be part of that work at Bethel. Contact us at 605-256-4539 to discuss this opportunity.



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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: A loving reminder as we prepare for our upcoming Sunday School year. Jesus clearly viewed the children as precious. If he loved kids enough to say that adults should be more like them, then we should spend more time loving them too! Our kids need more than teachers - also room helpers, prayer partners, music leaders and special project directors. Please pray for our upcoming year and for the Lord to place people in your heart to reach out to! Thank you!

There will be a meeting today, August 20 right after worship for all who would like to help with Sunday school. This includes those who would like to teach, or those who would like to help in another capacity.

OSLC ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT:OSLC's Endowment Fund value was \$623,135 on June 1. Part of the Fund's earnings is distributed to OSLC each quarter. In April, and again July, \$6,166 was received. A similar amount is expected at the end of each of the last two quarters. These funds are used for mission, benevolence, Christian ed., and unbudgeted capital building/repairs. The council distributed funds received this year for the following: \$1,000/qtr. to the SD Companion Synod for mission work, \$750/qtr. to Moody County Breadbasket, \$750/quarter to Moody County Boys & Girls Club, \$2,000/qtr. set aside for OSLC improvements/repairs, and the balance for local community needs including: summer rec/pool scholarships, Weekend Fuel (weekend meals for students), Liberty's Troops (help for families of children with serious illnesses), and Fliers Closet (clothing/hygiene products for students).

THANK YOU, OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN. Because of your work and the work of Messiah Lutheran, 363,000 meals are on the way to Sudan refugee camps in Africa; where a Civil War has erupted.

During Covid, 2 containers of food were packed, 10-15-20 people @ a time. Mostly Lutherans. That work led to hundreds of thousands of meals being gifted per year to the non profit. This will not be the last food sent to refugees in Africa. More is already committed

Thank you from Helping Kids Round First.
Craig Severtson.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE The significant loss of life and damage caused by the wildfires in Hawaii have turned our prayers and attention to mourning those lost, supporting the survivors and how Lutheran Disaster Response can assist with recovery.

Exacerbated by strong winds, wildfires on Maui have claimed dozens of lives and have destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication. The Big Island of Hawaii has also been impacted by wildfires, and more islands remain vulnerable to additional fires this season.

Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to accompany our neighbors in Hawaii impacted by these wildfires. Will you consider a gift today?

<https://community.elca.org/uswildfires>

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs and long-term recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead.

2024 YOUTH GATHERING : Created to Be (Psalm 139:14) You are created in God's image and created to be brave, authentic, free, disrupting disciples. Students who will be in 9th-12th grade in the 2023-24 school year are invited to join 35000 of your new best friends at July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans to explore all you are Created to Be! Contact Lori Peters or Pastor Ramona if you would like to attend.

CONNECT WITH CAMPUS MINISTRY! The South Dakota Synod has campus ministries on six campuses in South Dakota: Northern State University, South Dakota State University, School of Mines and Technology, Black Hills State University, University of South Dakota, and Augustana University. You can support LuMin (Lutheran Campus Ministries) by praying for the leaders and students, referring a student to the campus ministry at their school and by a financial gift! Thank you for your support!

AUGUST IS NATIONAL MAKE-A-WILL MONTH! 64% of Americans believe having a will is important. But only 34% of Americans have created a plan. You might have avoided this important gift to those you love and the ministries you care about because of concern that making a will is a long, complicated, expensive process. But it doesn't have to be. Through our partnership with the ELCA Foundation, you can create or revise a simple will and accompanying documents for FREE in the privacy of your own home. Just visit <https://foundation.elca.org/giving-docs> today! Call Kathy McHenry at Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota for additional information.

THE BEST GIFTS TO THE BEST PEOPLE: Did you know that some gifts are better made to individuals and others to ministry? Large income tax bills to your children when they inherit an annuity or IRA disappear when those gifts are made to your favorite ministry instead. However, life insurance and appreciated real estate and investments pass to children tax-free in most cases. For help in making choices in your legacy plan, contact Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota at 605.274.5030 or lpgsd@sdsynod.org

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS: Aug 20th - Aug 27th 2023

Sunday 20

Worship w/ Communion & Backpack Blessing
=>Coffee and Fellowship to Follow
Sunday School Teacher & Volunteer Meeting (after worship)

Monday 21

Office Open
Breakfast and School Blessing (5th-8th Grade) 7:30
Pastor Ramona @ Office 9:00-12:00

Tuesday 22

Quilt Tying

Wednesday 23

Office Open
Pastor Ramona @ Office 9:00-12:00
Confirmation Class Orientation 5:30

Thursday 24

Pastor Ramona @ JJs 9:00-12:00

Friday 25

Saturday 26

Sunday 27

Worship
=>Coffee and Fellowship to Follow
Pre-Confirmation Class Orientation 10:15
OSLC Softball Praise Day 12:00

THANK YOU:

Greeters: Kim Johanson and Family

Pianist: Alison Ramsdell

Song Leader: Jason Unger

Reader: Linda Meier

Coffee: Jen & Drew Headrick

Sound board: Randy and Titus Tollefson

Communion: Becky Saylor, Mike Blum and Linda Meier

Last Week's Worship In-Person Attendance: 55

MORTGAGE BALANCE: As of 7/21/2023, the mortgage balance was \$11,331.93

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. *If you would like to volunteer please visit www.moodycountycares.com.*