

The Announcer
March 9, 2025

Mid-Week Lenten Services will continue on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm - March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd, and 9th. We will explore the book of 1 John as we go through the Lenten season. There will be a time of fellowship and treats following each mid-week Lenten service. We hope you can join us!



Youth Chili Cook-off Fundraiser: The youth will have a chili cook-off fundraiser on **Wednesday, March 12th at 5:30 pm** (before the mid-week Lenten service which is at 6:30 pm). Please come on by to sample several different crock pots of chili, and then vote for your favorites! This is a free-will donation chili supper and all money will be used to help the youth pay for the National Youth Gathering in July.

The treat schedule for the mid-week Lenten services has been emailed and a copy has been placed in your church mailboxes. Please provide 2 dozen cookies or bars on the evening you are assigned. If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact Gloria. Thanks for helping to serve our congregation!



Mondays in March with the Master Gardeners will have presentations on every Monday at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The public is welcome to join and listen to the educational gardening series. A \$2 donation is suggested, and they give away door prizes every week. A more detailed schedule of what the classes will be about is hanging on the bulletin board.

Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend. Please remember to turn your clocks **AHEAD 1 hour** before you retire Saturday evening. Thanks!



Scrip cards are a wonderful way to support the youth of our congregation. There are lots of different scrip cards on-hand and they make great gifts as well as regular “shopping” cards for groceries, fuel, and other items. Please purchase scrip after worship on Sundays or from Sara during the week in the office. Let’s all try to purchase more scrip this year to benefit the youth of our congregation – we always welcome more members to participate! As always, thank you so much for your continued support of our youth!

The January – March edition of the *Portals of Prayer* are available on the guest registry table. Please take a copy.



Birthdays this week: March 12: Sutton; **March 14:** Jeff; Bill; Helen; Nancy; **March 15:** Bobbie.

There are no wedding anniversaries this week.

Church Properties Contact Person for January 1st – March 22nd is Dave (563-920-4669). Please contact him with any items that need the attention of the Board.



Holy Baptism: We welcomed into the kingdom of God, Jamie, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, March 8, 2025. We pray God’s blessings upon Jamie and his family as they grow in following Christ.

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY, March 9:	9:00 am	Worship/Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:15 am	BP/BS/Total Cholesterol Screening
MONDAY, March 10:	5:30-9:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved
	6:00-10:00 pm	Fellowship Hall reserved – “Mondays in March”
TUESDAY, March 11:	8:00 am-1:00 pm	Winkel meeting at Our Savior
	9:15-11:00 am	Ladies tie quilts for LWR – Hall Classroom
WEDNESDAY, March 12:	5:30 pm	Confirmation Class
	6:30 pm	Mid-week Lenten Worship Service
THURSDAY, March 13:	9:00-10:00 am	Bible Study, St. Paul’s, Delaware
	5:30-7:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
NEXT SUNDAY, March 16:	9:00 am	Worship/Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

The Lutheran Hour: "Light of the World" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus is the Light of the world. However, He sometimes keeps that light out of the visible range. We can't see it, but it changes what we see. (John 8:12). Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

Generosity Moment: Matthew 4:7 – "Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written ...'" Isn't it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

Mission News: The LCMS has 38 partner churches around the world. A partner church is a church body with which the LCMS has full altar and pulpit fellowship. Many LCMS partner churches also are members of the International Lutheran Council, a worldwide association of confessional Lutheran church bodies. Some LCMS partner churches came into existence through LCMS-supported mission efforts, while others have historic roots that pre-date the LCMS or that are sourced in the mission efforts of other Lutheran church bodies. *Remember the centrality of God's Word as you pray for students and professors of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Baguio City, Philippines, that they might serve the Lutheran Church in the Philippines faithfully.*

Life Quote: "Brothers and sisters, in Christ you are God's masterpiece. You were created for a purpose. You are the hands and feet of Christ demonstrating His love in a world that desperately needs it. Live out that purpose in the strength that comes from Him and wait joyfully for the day where we get to see His finished product." *Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: – Lent I (Invocavit) – God's redemption of all humankind begins in the woman's womb (Genesis 3:15). Jesus sanctifies every age and stage of our existence and development. He also sees and knows the hardships of life issues because He lives among us (Hebrews 4:15). And the victory Jesus gives over suggestions to attempt death as a solution (Matthew 4:6) free us to leave life-and-death decisions to our Heavenly Father.

Building Healthy Families: Ever written down and kept track of your prayers? In a prayer journal, a simple notebook or on slips of paper in a mason jar – by yourself or with your family - write out your prayer requests. Then a month, a year, or a decade from now, look back at them and reflect on the many ways God has answered your prayers. When you are faced with new trials, it is helpful to look back on God's faithfulness during trials of the past and know He is with you today and will be in the future. Go forth with confidence, trusting His word: *"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him."* 1 John 5:14-15. **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Scrip Gift Cards & Increments
(local cards)**
~ All proceeds benefit the youth group! ~

Retail/Grocery/Fuel:

Amazon: \$25, \$50, \$100
American Eagle: \$25
Barnes & Noble: \$10 and \$25
Bath & Body Works: \$10
Best Buy: \$25
Buckle: \$25
Cabelas: \$25
** Casey's: \$25 and \$100
** Castle Theater: \$5
Claire's: \$10
Dick's Sporting Goods: \$25
** Fareway: \$25, \$50, \$100
I-Tunes: \$15 and \$25
JC Penney: \$25
Kohl's: \$25 and \$100
** Kwik Star: \$25, \$50, \$100
Menards: \$25
Old Navy/Gap: \$25
Scheels: \$25
Target: \$25, \$50, \$100
** Walmart: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Restaurants:

Applebees: \$25
Buffalo Wild Wings: \$25
** Burger King: \$10
Caribou Coffee: \$10
Chili's: \$25
Chipotle: \$10
** Chuong Garden: \$10
Cold Stone Creamery: \$10
Cracker Barrel: \$25
** Dairy Queen: \$5 and \$10
** Dolce Vita: \$10 and \$20 (can also get whatever denomination you want, just let Sara know)
Dunkin' Donuts: \$10
** Hardee's: \$10
McDonald's: \$10
Noodles and Company: \$10
Olive Garden/Cheddar's: \$25
Outback Steakhouse: \$25
Panera Bread: \$10
** Pizza Ranch: \$5
Red Lobster: \$25
Red Robin: \$25
Starbucks \$10
** Subway: \$10
** The Tea Company: \$10
Texas Roadhouse: \$25