

The Announcer
May 19, 2024



This morning we honor and recognize the **high school seniors** graduating from their respective schools. We pray God will bless each of them as they continue life's journey. Congratulations!

Taylor is the daughter of Scott & Lindsay. Taylor will graduate from West Delaware High School on June 1st. She will attend the University of Northern Iowa, and is undecided on her major at this time.

Samantha is the daughter of the late Bob & Kim. Samantha will graduate from West Delaware High School on June 1st. She plans to attend Iowa State University to study Animal Science to become a large animal vet.

Ellen is the daughter of John & Sarah. She graduated from Starmont High School on May 12th. Ellen will attend Truman State University to study Graphic Design.

Zachary is the son of Jason & Gretchen. He will graduate from West Delaware High School on June 1st. Zachary will be attending William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri where he will be studying Biochemistry. He will also be swimming for them.



College Graduates

Lauren, daughter of Dr. Tim & Tricia, graduated from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy on May 9th. She will be completing her pharmacy residency at the Madison VA hospital.

Jody, daughter of Joel & Judy, graduated from Marquette University Law School on May 18th. She graduated as a Doctor of Law-JD (Juris Doctor). Jody will continue to live downtown Milwaukee and will be practicing law at a firm in Milwaukee.

Rachel, daughter of Mark & Lori, graduated from the Dental Hygiene Program at Kirkwood Community College on May 11th. She will be working as a dental hygienist at Dental Associates of Manchester.

Emilie, daughter of Michael & Amie, graduated from South Dakota State University on May 4th. She is an RN, BSN at Mercy Medical Center Emergency Department in Cedar Rapids which is the same place she had her internship last summer.

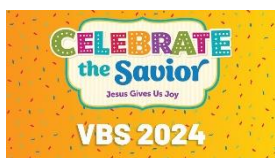


The Our Savior General scholarships have been awarded for the 2024/2025 school year by the Lay Ministry Board to fifteen high school and college students. Those who will be receiving the scholarships include:



Kelly, Allison, Morgan, Taylor, Keeley, Raub, Shae, Alexia, Samantha, Zachariah, Ellen, Nathan, Abigail, Jacob, and Zachary. ~ **CONGRATULATIONS!** ~

(Ninety percent of the interest from the scholarship fund is distributed each year among the scholarship recipients.)



Mark your Calendars! Vacation Bible School will be held the week of **June 3rd – 7th from 9 am - noon**. The theme this year is “Celebrate the Savior – Jesus Gives us Joy” and is open to kids ages 3-years-old thru completed 6th grade. It is open to our church members and family, as well as the public. We are still looking for a few more volunteers to assist with teaching, snacks, crafts, music, recreation, etc. A sign-up sheet for volunteers, as well as registration forms, have been placed on the guest registry table. Please prayerfully consider volunteering, even if you are only available for a day or two. If anyone has any “carnival” related items that we could use for decorating, you can leave them in the Hall Classroom labeled with your name. Please contact Sara in the church office if you have any questions. You can place completed registration forms in the Church Office mailbox.



Sara Out of Office: On **Monday, May 20th**, Sara will be out of the office all day as she will be on a field trip with her daughter, Mary. Please email her or call the church office number if you need to leave a message, and she will get ahold of you on Tuesday. Also, Sara will only be in the office from 8:30-10:00 am on Wednesday, May 22nd to attend Parent/Grandparent's Day at Lambert Elementary. In addition, on Tuesday, May 28th and Wednesday, May 29th, Sara will be leaving the office around 11:15 am to attend activities at the school for her kids. As always, just leave a message on the answering machine or send her an email. Thank you!

Updating Contact Information: Please contact Sara in the church office to update your contact information for the church records. This includes new or updated cell phones, if you no longer have a landline, email addresses, addresses for your college or grown children, etc. There are some families we do not have any cell phone numbers listed for anyone, so if you are in doubt of whether or not Sara has the correct information for you, **please reach out to double check!** You can email her at oursav@iowatelecom.net or call the church office at 563-927-4860. Thank you!



Birthdays this week: May 20: Dawn; Chris; **May 22:** Alex; **May 24:** Marla; Velma.

There are no wedding anniversaries this week.

Church Properties Contact Person for May is Ed (563-920-6775). Please contact him with any items that need the attention of the Board.



Velma turns 94 years old on Friday, May 24th! If you would like to send her a card or note, her address is 212 Clara Ave., Manchester, IA 52057. Happy birthday and God's blessings to you, Velma!

OSLC Relay for Life Team will be selling pastries (free will offering) on Sunday, May 19th and Sunday, June 23rd after the worship services. Thank you for your support! The Delaware County Relay for Life will be held Friday, June 28th from 5:00-10:30 pm.

Final Day of Sunday School/Adult Bible Class will be TODAY, Sunday, May 19th. We will recognize the Sunday school children's perfect/faithful attendance and memory work completion, as well as the high school seniors, which will include a senior slide show. This recognition will be at the end of the worship service so Pastor Schewe can get to Monticello on time for his next service. I would like to thank all the Sunday school teachers (Jim, Karla, Kayla, and Stephanie), Dave for leading the Adult Bible Class, and Pastor Schewe for leading the combined 5th-8th grade confirmation class! Your hard work and dedication is very much appreciated!



After finishing my first year at Iowa State, I would like to thank this wonderful congregation from Our Savior for the support they have given me. The care package was such a thoughtful and appreciated gift, and the scholarship money was put to good use towards my tuition. I am blessed to be a part of such a kind and generous congregation!
~ Friends in Christ, Lexi

Cancer Won't Win: Luminaria forms and bags are available on the table in the Narthex to purchase for the Relay for Life. Each luminaria is \$5 each, and you can purchase them 'in honor of' or 'in memory of' someone who has cancer or lost their battle with cancer. You can decorate the bags any way you want. Please bring them back to the church with the money, and give them to Gloria. All luminaries sold will be credited to the OSLC Relay for Life Team. Thank you!



Diaper Challenge: We have been given a diaper and wipes challenge from the Dubuque Zone to collect as many packages of diapers and wipes between Mother's Day and Father's Day, which will then be given to families and organizations that need them. We are also going to give some to our new pastor for their new addition, Malachi. You can put the diapers/wipes in the baby crib that will be set-up soon. There will also be a baby bottle to put loose change in. Whichever church in the Dubuque Zone collects the most diapers and wipes **may** get to cut Pastor Schewe's hair! Diapers should be purchased in sizes 1-4. If we fill the crib, we will find another container. The challenge is on!



ENDURE

National Youth Gathering: An email was sent to all parents of the children who are members of Our Savior on May 15th to see which of the youth are interested in going on the youth gathering in New Orleans, July 19-23, 2025. Please respond to that email **by Friday, May 24th** either way if your child is interested in going or not. If you do not respond to that email, we will automatically assume your child is not participating and will remove you from further communication about that trip. We have a lot of planning to do for upcoming fundraisers and for the trip itself, and we have to get the youth narrowed down to who is actually going to attend. Let Sara or Gretchen know if you have any questions. Thanks!

Greeting Cards for Sale: There is a large selection of Christian graduation cards as well as confirmation cards for sale in the card cabinet in the Narthex. All cards are \$1.00 each. Thank you for supporting the Women of Our Savior!

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY, May 19:	8:00 am	Worship/Communion/Graduate Recognition
	9:00 am	Final Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
TUESDAY, May 21:	9:00-10:30 am	Ladies Bible Study – SSC Fireside Room
	5:00-7:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
THURSDAY, May 23:	9:00 am	Bible Study, St. Paul’s, Delaware
NEXT SUNDAY, May 26:	8:00 am	Worship/Communion

The Lutheran Hour: "Penultimate Sacrifice" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Memorial Day honors those who made "the ultimate sacrifice" in service to country, but there was one Sacrifice infinitely greater. (Acts 10:1-2). Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

Generosity Moment: Acts 2:1 – **“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.”** Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival: a time of thanksgiving, bounty and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that in the New Testament, Pentecost takes on the meaning of a new harvest, directing us to the ripe fields of the nations and the task of bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord’s praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.

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 how God works to strengthen the faith of His people as you pray for the Concordia University System and the Synod’s two seminaries, that the Lord would bless their work in training new generations of workers to serve the Church.*

Life Quote: “Go to church together and get God’s message into your ears, into your life, into your relationships. And the Spirit who created you and recreates you into the best version of yourself, that self that God has in mind for you, will work in your relationship and make it into one that is life-giving. But married or single, divorced or twice-divorced, widowed, brokenhearted, or thriving, we all live in the echo of Easter: Christ is risen. Indeed. Alleluia. We walk in the power of Pentecost. Alleluia.” *Rev. Dr. John Nunes, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Pentecost Sunday – The tower of Babel used God-pleasing technology but not in a way that pleased God (Genesis 11:1-9). The technology to cure disease and to enhance and prolong life is a gift from God. The misuse of this technology, therefore, is an affront to God. The Spirit of Christ enables the believer to discern between what one is able to do and what one ought to do based upon the Word of God. *Almighty God, let Your Spirit fill me through Your Word and Sacraments so that all I say and do may bring Your glory to my neighbors in need. Amen.*

Building Healthy Families: Bringing young kids to worship can be a challenge for parents and grandparents, but what joy is found there, too! Enter “pew buddies”! These are members of the church family who support and encourage children (littles on up!) and their parents by engaging them in the worship service and providing a helping hand, all with the intent of pointing them to Jesus and his love and grace. This can mean a variety of things including, but not limited to, holding/soothing fussy babies, welcoming exuberant toddlers into the Lord’s house, sharing gentle, compassionate smiles with worn out moms and dads, inviting kids to “help” you follow along with the service (from the hymnal, bulletin or screen), and generally following the parents’ lead in guiding their little ones. The goal is involvement over distraction! Look around and see how you might come alongside your fellow little worshipers this week! **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or www.LutheranFamilyService.org