


The Announcer
February 18, 2024


The Call

Call Update: A call has been extended to Rev. David Behm, who is currently the pastor at Concordia Lutheran Church in Williston, ND. The Call Committee has sent him documents about our congregation and we are waiting to hear what his decision will be. Thank you to everyone who attended the Special Voter's meeting to vote on who we wanted to call. Please continue to pray for our congregation, for Pastor Behm, his wife, Sarah, and for his congregation at Concordia Lutheran Church, as he prayerfully considers the call to Our Savior. We will keep the congregation informed as we continue this process.

Mid-Week Lenten Services will be held at Our Savior on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm - February 22nd, 29th, March 7th, 14th, and 21st. There will be a time of fellowship and treats following each mid-week Lenten service. We hope you can join us!

 **Confirmation Class Time Change:** During the Lenten season, the confirmation class on Wednesdays will start at 4:45 pm (instead of 5:00 pm) to allow Pastor Schewe a little extra time to get back to St. John's for his other confirmation class. Thanks!

Easter Food Baskets: The Delaware County Food Bank will be distributing Easter Baskets to families in need. If you know of a family who would benefit from a food basket, please fill out a form and return it to the Food Bank by March 18th. Forms are on the guest registry table.

 **Mid-Week Lenten Services** treat schedule has been placed in the mailboxes, as well as emailed to everyone on the list. Please provide 2 dozen cookies/bars on the evening you are assigned. Please contact Jeanette (563-608-2832) if you have any questions. Thank you!

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



Birthdays this week: February 19: Jackie; **February 20:** Kathy; Caelan; **February 24:** Kasey; Shae.

There are no wedding anniversaries this week.

Church Properties Contact Person for February is Dave (563-920-4669). Please contact him with any items that need the attention of the Board.



Holy Week worship services have been scheduled at Our Savior. The Maundy Thursday service with communion will be Thursday, March 28th at 5:00 pm and the Good Friday service with communion will be Friday, March 29th at 3:00 pm. Easter worship service with communion will be at 9:00 am on Sunday, March 31st.

Operation Christmas Child: If anyone is interested in assisting with Operation Christmas Child at the Methodist Church, please contact Sara. The committee there has reached out to Our Savior to see if there are any members interested in getting involved with this ministry. There will be meetings scheduled throughout the year to assist with fundraising efforts, as well as planning meetings for the big packing party in the fall. They are wanting to make this a community event and get all churches involved if possible. Sara will be the main contact person for Our Savior, and would be thrilled if some other members would want to be involved. Thanks!



Scholarship Applications for students who will be in college in the 2024/2025 school year are available in the designated slot on the lower, left side of the mailboxes. This includes high school students who are graduating in May and who will be attending college in the fall. Please place completed applications in the Church Office mailbox. Scholarship applications are due by April 1st.

Large Print Portals of Prayer: If you or anyone you know would benefit from having a large-print edition of the *Portals of Prayer*, please let a member of the Women of Our Savior know so they can assist in getting that for you. Thanks!



Scrip cards are a wonderful way to support the youth of our congregation. The next youth gathering will be in July 2025 in New Orleans, and it's never too early to start raising funds for this amazing trip. 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. Scrip card purchases were down quite a bit in 2023. Let's all try to purchase more scrip this year to benefit the youth of our congregation! As always, thank you so much for your continued support of our youth!



Mondays in March with the Master Gardeners will be starting up Monday, March 4th 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. There is a flier on the bulletin board with the schedule for March. You can also visit www.extension.iastate.edu/delaware for more information.

Lenten Prayer Service, led by the Kantorei of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, will be held at Our Redeemer LCMS, 2145 John F Kennedy Road, Dubuque, IA, on March 3rd, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Everyone in our congregation is invited to attend this prayer service.

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY, February 18:	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
MONDAY, February 19:	11:00 am-3:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved
TUESDAY, February 20:	9:00-10:30 am	Ladies Bible Study – SSC Fireside Room
WEDNESDAY, February 21:	4:45 pm	Confirmation Class – SONshine Center
	7:00 pm	Senior ACTs – SONshine Center
THURSDAY, February 22:	9:00 am	Bible Study, St. Paul’s, Delaware
	6:30 pm	Mid-Week Lenten Worship Service
	6:30-9:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved
NEXT SUNDAY, February 25:	8:00 am	Worship/Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

The Lutheran Hour: "When Winning Is Losing" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. In Christ, losing is winning and winning is losing. Dr. John Nunes explains what that means. (Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 5:1-11, Mark 8:8-27). Listen to “The Lutheran Hour” next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

Generosity Moment: Matthew 4:4 – “But he answered, ‘It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” What good are all the things of this world (food, drink, house, home, wealth, etc.) if we lose the things of God? What’s more important? How should our priorities be arranged?

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 God’s love and will for children and families as you pray Martin Luther, Doctor and Confessor: thank God for Luther’s proclamation of salvation by grace through faith for Christ’s sake.*

Life Quote: “The state can punish offenders, but it can’t give birth to law-abiding citizens. The state cannot love or nurture a child. It takes a family. A radical thought, that, but off limits in our public conversations swept clean of moral discourse. Pray that this will change.” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Lent I (Invocabit) – Satan’s temptations of Jesus reveal his main tactic—make that which is bad look good. These days he spends much time making death look good; abortion is good and the way out of a difficult situation; assisted suicide is good and the way to relieve suffering. But death is not good! It is the curse of sin! It is our enemy. But just as Jesus defeated Satan, so He has defeated death. We can trust and live in His victory. *Jesus, may Your Word be ever on our hearts and lips that we might resist the snare of the devil. Amen.*

Building Healthy Families: Tomorrow is President’s Day, an opportunity for us to reflect on our nation’s past and current leaders. Pray for our current president and for all those who will be voting in the upcoming election later this year. It’s important. *“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.” I Timothy 2:1-2.* **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or www.LutheranFamilyService.org