

The Announcer
March 23, 2025

Mid-Week Lenten Services will continue on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm – March 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!



Spring Cleaning Duties have been emailed and a copy has also been placed in your mailboxes. Please take a moment to read what area you are assigned to clean at church or the SONshine Center. The head person for each area is marked with an asterisk, and they are the one who will reach out to the members in their group to get all the tasks completed by May 4th. If you have questions, please reach out to Gloria or Cindy, thanks!

The April - June edition of the *Portals of Prayer* are available on the guest registry table. Please take a copy.



Holy Week worship services have been scheduled at Our Savior. The Maundy Thursday service with communion will be Thursday, April 17th at 6:30 pm and the Good Friday service will be Friday, April 18th at 6:30 pm.

Julie's Greece Presentation: The Women of Our Savior will meet on Tuesday, April 1st at 6:30 pm for a presentation from Julie on her and Dave's recent trip to Greece. All members from the congregation are invited to attend and listen to Julie's presentation. She will share information and pictures from their October 2024 trip to Athens, Greece, and 5 islands in the Dodecanese island group of Greece, including Rhodes and Patmos. Julie will give an overview of their travels while highlighting the biblical sites they visited, such as Mars Hill in Athens and places the apostle Paul visited on Rhodes. She will also share about sites on the island of Patmos where the apostle John was exiled, including the cave where he reportedly received visions from God that became the Book of Revelation and a little-known place where we were told John lived and baptized people. This should be a very interesting and informative presentation and we hope you can all join us that evening! Light refreshments will be served.



Scholarship Applications are due April 1, 2025! Please have your college student (or graduating senior who will be attending college in the fall) fill it out and put it in the Church Office mailbox. If you have any specific questions, please let Sara know and she will help you out.

Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser: The youth who are attending the National Youth Gathering in July will be having a baked potato bar supper before the Maundy Thursday worship service on Thursday, April 17th at 5:30 pm. They will have baked potatoes, butter, sour cream, cheese, broccoli cheese soup, chili, and taco soup. You can put the toppings on a potato or you can have a bowl of soup, or both! This will be a free-will donation fundraiser. Thank you for supporting the youth as they prepare for their trip!

Church Properties Contact Person for March 23rd – May 31st is Ed (563-920-6775). Please contact him with any items that need the attention of the Board.



Birthdays this week: March 24: Maebel.

Wedding anniversaries this week: March 29: Doug & Madeline.



New Scrip App on Phones: We recently found out you can get the RaiseRight scrip app on your smartphone and can set-up an account linked to Our Savior so you can purchase scrip anytime, anywhere! You need to set-up your own RaiseRight account by going to www.raiseright.com, and click on the 'Sign Up' button in the upper right corner. The enrollment code for Our Savior is **2192CC663845**. This code will link your RaiseRight account to our church account so that the rebates (percentage back) goes to the church. After you enter the enrollment code, you just follow the prompts to complete setting up your account. Then you can download the RaiseRight app on your phone, and sign into it using the same user name and password you set up on your RaiseRight account.



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!

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY, March 23:	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship/Communion Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
MONDAY, March 24:	6:30-7:30 pm 6:00-10:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved Fellowship Hall reserved – “Mondays in March”
TUESDAY, March 25:	9:15-11:00 am 11:00 am – 1:30 pm 5:00-7:00 pm	Ladies tie quilts for LWR – Hall Classroom SONshine Center reserved SONshine Center reserved
WEDNESDAY, March 26:	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Confirmation Class Mid-week Lenten Worship Service
THURSDAY, March 27:	9:00-10:00 am	Bible Study, St. Paul’s, Delaware
NEXT SUNDAY, March 30:	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship/Communion Sunday School/Adult Bible Class



His Hands Free Clinic invites you to “Movie Night” at Marcus Theaters, Cedar Rapids, on Thursday, April 3rd at 6:00 pm. They will be showing *The Chosen: Season 5, Part II* which will begin at 7:00 pm. All proceeds from this movie night will provide compassionate care for the uninsured and underinsured in the Cedar Rapids community. Ticket prices: Movie Only - \$15, Movie + Concessions (drink & popcorn) - \$30, Movie + Concessions + Meal (pizza, fruit, salad, and sliders) - \$45. Please purchase your tickets at <https://hishandsclinic.org/movie-night/>. We hope you can join us for an evening of entertainment with a purpose.

The Lutheran Hour: "The Difference Between Anger and Contempt" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God gets angry at sin, but behind that anger, God is love. We believe this only because of Jesus. (John 11:35). Listen to “The Lutheran Hour” next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

Generosity Moment: Luke 11:21–22 – “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.” Jesus is stronger than Satan and He disarms him for us. But Jesus has disarmed Satan in a most unusual way: He has disarmed him by allowing Satan to cast all his weapons into Jesus. Satan has nothing left to attack us with — he spent it all on Jesus. And now Jesus is our Stronger Man. He guards and keeps us and ours, and we have none to fear.

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 Lutherans throughout the world, that they rejoice in God’s gifts of His Word and Sacraments.*

Life Quote: “Think of how important we as human beings must be in the eyes of God, if He—as the almighty creator and Lord of the entire universe—was willing to take on human flesh and become one of us. God loves the human race so much He decided to become our brother.” *Thomas P. Nass, CELC President ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Lent III (Oculi) – The heart of Christianity is proclaiming Gospel promises courageously. Prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 26:8) follows the lead of Jesus Himself in speaking of God’s truth and Christ’s love even when unpopular. They believe their lives—and everyone else’s—belong in the Heavenly Father’s hands above all. Gospel-motivated voices For Life, take note: surely the Lord has sent you to speak it (Jeremiah 26:15), without accommodation or compromise!

Building Healthy Families: Researchers have discovered that people have between 12,000 and 60,000 thoughts each day – and 80% of them are negative. *What’s your percentage?* If it’s too high, don’t be dismayed; you can do something about it! It’s possible to intentionally change your automatic thoughts and as a result, your mood, mental wellness, and relationships will all improve greatly. God’s word encourages us: “...take captive every thought and make it obedient to Christ.” (2 Corinthians 10:15) Lutheran Family Service counselors are here to help you find mental and emotional strength and wellness, replacing lies with truth, from a perspective that is consistent with your faith.

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

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