

The Announcer
April 28, 2024



We are excited to announce our new pastor, Candidate Isaiah Armbrecht, and his wife, Audrey! He grew up in Williamsburg, Iowa, and attended St. John Lutheran Church. He was unable to attend the Call Day Ceremony on Wednesday evening because he and his wife were having their first baby! We are so blessed to be receiving him as our pastor, as well as his wife Audrey, and their new baby. Please keep them in your prayers as he is finishing his last few weeks of seminary school. We will share more information as we find out. God is so good!

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 looking for 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, please leave them in the Hall Classroom. Please contact Sara in the church office if you have any questions. You can place registration forms in the Church Office mailbox.



Our Savior Tumblers: The Our Savior Relay for Life team is selling OSLC tumblers after the worship services in the Narthex. The tumblers come in many different colors which represent the different types of cancer, or you can just choose a color you like. They have certain colors in stock, or you can order different colors too. The price is \$22. Thank you for your support!

Confirmation Public Exam: The two confirmands (Evan and Kyla) will have their confirmation public exam on Wednesday, May 8th at 5:00 pm. The congregation is welcome to attend and listen to them answer questions on what they have learned in confirmation. They will be confirmed on Sunday, May 12th.



High School & College Graduates: Parents, please check your email if you have a graduating high school or college student. A form has been emailed for you to please fill out and put in the Church Office mailbox or email to Sara by Monday, May 13th. (If you want a paper copy of the form, please let Sara know.) The graduate’s information will be published in the Announcer on graduation Sunday, May 19th. Thanks!

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

Pictures Needed for Senior Slide Show: If anyone has any old pictures of any of our seniors (Taylor, Samantha, Ellen, Chloe, Claire, and Zachary) from past church activities (VBS, Sunday school, Junior or Senior ACTs, youth gathering, etc.) please email them to Gretchen (gwenger97@gmail.com) by May 3rd. Thank you!



Birthdays this week: April 28: Brooke; Jeanette; **April 29:** Dena;
April 30: Colleen; **May 1:** Jill; **May 4:** Morgan.
Wedding anniversaries this week: April 29: Daniel & Kasey.



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



Spring Cleaning Duties have been emailed out and also placed in everyone’s mailboxes. If you are the head of your area, please contact everyone on your list regarding completing the duties. All cleaning must be finished by Confirmation Sunday, May 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette. Thanks for taking time out of your schedule to help keep our church and facilities clean and beautiful!

Final Day of Sunday School/Adult Bible Class will be 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. Most likely 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!



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. Thank you to everyone who continues to purchase scrip!

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY, April 28:	8:00 am	Worship/Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
WEDNESDAY, May 1:	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm	Senior ACTs
THURSDAY, May 2:	9:00 am	Bible Study, St. Paul's, Delaware
NEXT SUNDAY, May 5:	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	1:00-5:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved



RMC is excited to offer the Lab Career Camp, "Without the Lab, They're Only Guessing" for students ages 14-18 who have completed 8th grade. This camp offers a unique opportunity to learn about a laboratory career through interactive presentations and hands-on learning. June 10-13 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Regional Medical Center (students must be available to meet each day for the entire time). The cost is \$25 per student, payable the first day of camp. You can bring a sack lunch or you can purchase lunch from the public cafeteria. Class size is limited so please call Ann Wilson Grant at 563-927-7489 before May 13th to register.

The Lutheran Hour: "Rejoicing On the Way" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way. (Acts 8:28-39). Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

Generosity Moment: James 1:17 – "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights." God is the source of all goodness. When we do good, therefore, we imitate Him and reflect His light to all the world. Christians give freely because God has first given so freely to us; we are only imitating our Father, growing up into His likeness.

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 work through LCMS Ministry to Armed Forces (MAF) as you pray with thanksgiving to God for providing LCMS chaplains to serve members of the armed forces. Please pray that military chaplains would have every opportunity to share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ with members of the military and anyone with whom they work and live.*

Life Quote: "It is He who sustains us each and every day. It is He who brings us into the world, and He who draws our earthly lives to a close at the proper time. It is He who was born for us, He who died for us, He who rose for us, and He who reigns on high for us. His is the pattern of our lives." *Deaconess Bethany Stoeber, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Easter V – Only the grace of God could supply as supreme a blessing as a mother's company and comfort. In the same way (John 16:7b), the Holy Spirit gives life and saves life even and especially when sorrow fills the heart (John 16:6). Indeed, the Word of forgiveness, joy, and hope He implants redeems both hopeless situations and helpless souls for everlasting celebration (James 1:21). *Ever-present Redeemer, embrace us with Your Spirit until we trust Your truth, follow Your way, and enjoy Your life. Amen.*

Building Healthy Families: "Don't worry, be happy!" ... remember that catchy little tune from the 80's? Repeatedly, God gives us this same message in His Word; but isn't it so much easier to say "don't worry" than it is to not worry? When you're feeling overwhelmed with worry, go to God's Word, read, then write down on a piece of paper some of the verses that speak directly to you. To get started, check out Psalm 23:4, John 14:27, Matthew 6:25-34, Romans 8:31, and Isaiah 41:10. Also know that men and women who share your Lutheran Christian faith and are trained and experienced at helping people with worry (and many other things) are available to you at Lutheran Family Service through office or telehealth visits. Call us – it's why we're here! **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or www.LutheranFamilyService.org