

The Announcer
October 13, 2024



Pastor Appreciation Sunday is today! We want to thank Pastor for leading our congregation and for all he does for us each and every day. Thank you for your prayers, patience, and care while you faithfully serve our flock. You are truly appreciated and we are so thankful to have you and your family at Our Savior! Please join us after the worship service for some refreshments before everyone attends Sunday school or Adult Bible Class.

Thrivent Action Grant Needed: Sara is in need of a \$250 Thrivent Action Grant so more Sunday school materials and the ornaments for the Children's Christmas Program can be purchased. Please reach out to her soon if you can apply.



Can Drive UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who donated cans and bottles for the can drive! The youth will be sorting everything on TODAY, October 13th. We also have a new permanent account set-up at the Can Shed redemption center in Manchester under the name "Our Savior Lutheran Church" where you can drop-off your cans/bottles and donate the money to our account. When you are filling out the paperwork at the Can Shed, you have to write down that the money is to go to the fundraiser account for "Our Savior Lutheran Church". Thanks!

LWML Sunday is October 20th and some of the members of the Women of Our Savior will be assisting with the worship service – Peggy and Marla will be greeters, and Kim and Kris will be ushering. The ladies will also be serving cookies and bars after the worship service so we can all have a tasty treat to enjoy at Sunday School/Adult Bible Study and the quarterly voter's meeting. There will be a free-will offering for the treats.



Quarterly Voter's Meeting: We will have our quarterly voter's meeting following Sunday School/Adult Bible Class on Sunday, October 20th (approximately 11:15 am). If you are a confirmed member of this congregation, you are eligible to become a voting member. All you need to do is attend a meeting and request a voting membership. Please plan to join us!

Balance Sheet Line-Item Clean-up: Last spring, Jim, Butch, Caroline, and Bobbie met to look at different line-items on the Balance Sheet to find out if some of the funds for certain things could be moved into different categories to be easier to understand and access. Copies of the suggestions they are wanting to make are available on the guest registry table. This will be voted on at the quarterly voter's meeting on October 20th.



Birthdays this week: October 14: Jackson; **October 15:** Emma; **October 16:** Cheryl; **October 18:** Mildred

There are no wedding anniversaries this week.

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



Mildred will celebrate her 105th birthday on Friday, October 18th! If you would like to mail her a card or note, her address is: Mildred, c/o GNH, 105 McCarren Dr., Manchester, IA 52057. Happy birthday and God's blessings to you, Mildred!

Church Properties Contact Person for October is Michael (319-521-2817). Please contact him with any items that need the attention of the Board.



Church Elections: We will be having our 2-year church elections (2025-2026) for the boards and board directors on December 8th. **A sign-up sheet is now on the bulletin board.** Please prayerfully consider signing up to be on a board or the director of a board. If you have questions on what certain boards do during the year, please reach out to Jim or Sara and they would be happy to get you more information. It would be nice to see some new names on the sign-up sheet. There have been members who have been directors or on certain boards for many years, and we absolutely appreciate all they have done, but it is always good to see different members wanting to be a part of a different board to offer new ideas. Thanks!



There will be no Thanksgiving potluck this year due to not having anyone available to take the lead on organizing it and preparing the food. If you would be interested in helping organize this potluck for next year, please sign-up to be part of the Parish Fellowship board for 2025/2026. Thanks!

Holiday Food Basket request forms are on the guest registry table. If you or a family you know would benefit from a holiday food basket from the Del. Co. Food Bank, please take a form and mail it in before November 18th.

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY, October 13:	9:00 am	Worship/Communion
	10:15 am	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School
	4:00 pm	Youth sorting cans/bottles in SSC garage
TUESDAY, October 15:	9:00-10:30 am	Ladies Bible Study – SSC Fireside Room
WEDNESDAY, October 16:	5:30 pm	Confirmation Class – SONshine Center
THURSDAY, October 17:	9:00-10:00 am	Bible Study, St. Paul's, Delaware
	6:30-9:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved
SATURDAY, October 19:	11:00 am-5:00 pm	Fellowship Hall reserved
NEXT SUNDAY, October 20:	9:00 am	Worship/Communion – LWML Sunday
	10:15 am	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School
	11:15 am	Quarterly Voter's Meeting

Belize Eyeglass Short-term Mission Trip: This trip is open to all communicant members of Iowa District East LCMS organizations and the members on this trip will distribute eye glasses to those in need in Belize, Central America. The trip is scheduled November 15 – 22, 2025 and the estimated total cost per person is \$3000 (which may vary depending on airfare and on-field expenses). If you are interested in registering, the deadline is November 15th, and there is an information sheet hanging on the bulletin board.

The Lutheran Hour: "Children of God--No Longer Losers" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez. God turns lost losers into forgiven sons and daughters. Through Christ, we too become children of God's kingdom, members of His household. (Hosea 12:2-6). Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

Generosity Moment: Isaiah 55:2 – "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?" What Isaiah says here is reminiscent of what Jesus says about putting our earthly wealth in places where "moth and rust destroy" (Matt. 6:19). Where we put the money God has given us to manage says a lot about the way in which we actually view life. What do your spending priorities say about what you think is truly important in life?

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 gift of Baptism as you pray and thank God for the Baptism of Jesus, that He took on our sins to suffer in our stead.*

Life Quote: "To God, all life is sacred because He created it. With their faith, the great multitude will stand before the Lamb on Judgment Day, just as we will. So, to us who follow Jesus, we must continue to uphold the sanctity of life for each person, no matter the nation, language, or their political stance." *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Trinity XX – The Reformation truths Lutherans have celebrated for 500 years apply beautifully and powerfully to life issues. A human being's identity and sanctity come from God's grace in creating, redeeming, and calling each one. Abilities or accomplishments, efforts or emotions cannot establish anyone's value or invalidate anyone's worth. *Prayer: Gracious Savior, let us honor with You the preciousness of every human person because of Your grace, forgiveness, and free salvation. Amen.*

Building Healthy Families: Every day Lutheran Family Service counselors meet with people who are experiencing a test or trial of some kind or have been hurt by their own or someone else's actions. We can help, and we do, but we know we don't work alone or by our own power. We serve a God who can turn a test into a testimony, a trial into a triumph and a victim into a victorious survivor – no matter how deep or seemingly unspeakable the wound. Psalm 34 assures us that He is not distant but near to the brokenhearted and to those whose spirit has been crushed. This same God is with you today in whatever test, trial, or pain you are experiencing. Call us if you could use someone to walk with you through a challenging time. **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Parish Preparedness October 2024

By Mandy Bieber, Delaware County Emergency Management

Hello Friends – It has been a very active fall. Iowa is back to experiencing drought conditions and our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been affected by Hurricane Helene and those who have Milton bearing down on them soon.

I have seen a lot of misinformation about disaster relief on social media lately, so I thought I would explain a little about how disaster response works on the government end of things.

First, all disasters start and end locally. It is only once you have exhausted your local resources that we are allowed to request more resources from the state. For instance, following the March 31, 2023 tornados in Delaware County, I had to request state troopers since we did not have enough local officers to handle the re-routing of traffic. To request state resources, it must go the state Homeland Security office. While asking for extra officers is a pretty simple request, and easily filled, other requests can only be approved by the governor and take longer to fulfill. It's the same process with federal resources – Delaware County and the State of Iowa must have both exhausted their resources. This is why you see the governor issue so many proclamations of disaster. It's to open the use of state resources.

For financial disaster assistance, both the County must meet a damage estimate threshold (currently about \$80,000) and the state must meet a damage threshold (currently \$5.6 million) before any federal financial aid opens. This is why Iowa has its own disaster assistance fund and case advocacy – to help survivors when the total damage is under the threshold of federal assistance. Then it's a process of getting a small amount of immediate cash into the hands of survivors (that's the \$750 you may have heard about), for immediate survival needs. Next up is any insurance that the survivor might have. Following that is federal individual assistance that a person may qualify for. It's a long process dealing with insurance and federal assistance. The main thing to remember here is that any go fund me's or private fundraising accounts count against a person when getting aid, so it may not be beneficial in the long run to start one, or to contribute to one. Think of disaster assistance as a ladder, you work your way up one rung at a time, with each rung of the ladder filling a gap.

Finally, let's talk volunteer organizations. Even here in Delaware County, volunteer organizations are built into our emergency plan. It's just too expensive and wasteful to have all the equipment, supplies etc. needed for disaster response just sitting waiting to be used. That's why we depend on larger volunteer organizations, who respond to disasters on a regular basis, to fill that need. For instance, if we need a shelter opened in Delaware County, one of the first calls will be to Red Cross. If we need to feed a lot of survivors and responders, it will be to the Salvation Army and other feeding organizations. To put it simply, these organizations do it better, faster, and cheaper than we can. We mesh our plans with their plans to provide a better, faster response for our citizens. Please consider volunteering or getting involved in a response organization. They are in desperate need of people, and the work is very fulfilling.

The final thing to remember is that no matter what happens it takes time to respond. With roads, communications, and other infrastructure damaged, it takes a long time to get resources where they are needed. Iowa sent National Guard air units to assist in the Helene response, but it takes time to get the requests processed, everyone geared up, supplied up so they don't become part of the disaster themselves, and then travel time. This is why we stress so much for individuals to have plans, supplies, and go bags to get them through those first few days.

Peace be with you,
Mandy

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 and \$50
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: \$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
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
Texas Roadhouse: \$25

If you are looking for a gift card not on this list, please contact Sara and she can find out if it is a card we can order.

***** Cards to most restaurants and clothing stores typically offer the highest percentage back.**