

The Announcer
January 28, 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 last Sunday 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.

St. Paul's/Our Savior Joint Bible Study: In case anyone has forgotten, each Thursday morning at 9:00 am, members of St. Paul's and Our Savior get together at St. Paul's for a Bible study. We've just started a new study on the Gospel of St. John. We are still in the first part of chapter one so there's still time to join in on this Bible study. So if you are looking for something to do on Thursday mornings, please join us! Plus we have snacks! ~In Christ, Pastor Vesey



School Supplies Needed: The Women of Our Savior are collecting school supplies so they can assemble school kits at their meeting on February 6th. Items they are looking for include: 70 sheet notebooks (wide or college rule), blunt scissors, 30-centimeter rulers (has centimeters and inches on it), small pencil sharpeners, erasers (approx. 2 ½ inches long), new #2 unsharpened pencils, boxes of 16 or 24 crayons, ballpoint pens (no gel ink), and drawstring style bags that can be worn as a back-pack (not traditional back-packs). You can place your items in the labeled box in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please let Lou Ann know. Thank you for helping the women with this important mission project!

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



Birthdays this week: January 29: Lou Ann.

There are no wedding anniversaries this week.

Yearly Giving Statements have been placed in everyone's mailboxes. If you have any questions regarding your statement, please let Bobbie know. 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.

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



The 2024 Flower Sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you wish to donate altar flowers on a specific Sunday, please sign up on the correct date with a notation of what it is for. The information will then be published in the bulletin for that Sunday. Please contact Sara if you have any questions.

Calling all ushers! The 2024 usher sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We are looking for 2 guys to usher each month. Sara copied the 2023 list, so if you need to change months, please correct it on the sheet.



Blood

Red Cross Blood Drive: Our Savior will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, January 31st from 1:00-5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There is still a huge national shortage of blood, so please donate with this life-saving mission if you can. One blood donation may save more than one life! From newborns to elders, patients at every stage of life count on Red Cross blood donations. If you are able to give whole blood on February 7th, you cannot have given blood after December 13th, 2023. If you are able to give double reds, you cannot have given blood after October 11th, 2023. Any 16-year-old who is interested in giving blood should contact Gloria at 563-920-0503. Please contact her if you have any questions also. Thanks and we hope to see you at the blood drive!



Relay for Life Team: The Delaware County "Relay for Life" event is scheduled for June 28, 2024 (5:00-10:30 pm). If you are interested in being part of the Our Savior team, please contact Gloria, before the end of January, so she can set-up a meeting with the team. Thanks!

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY, January 28:	8:00 am	Worship/Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
WEDNESDAY, January 31:	12:00-7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall reserved
	1:00-5:30 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive – Fellowship Hall
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class – SONshine Center
	7:00 pm	Senior ACTs – SONshine Center
THURSDAY, February 1:	9:00 am	Bible Study, St. Paul's, Delaware
	5:30-7:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
NEXT SUNDAY, February 4:	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

The Lutheran Hour: "Nature Abhors a Vacuum" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. What fills the heart that has no room to forgive? (Ephesians 4:32). Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

Generosity Moment: 1 Corinthians 9:25 – **"Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable."** Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit, for the desires of the flesh are at war with the desires of the Spirit. We have received new life in Christ by His grace. Now He calls us to follow Him deliberately, with self-control and with intention.

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 to give thanks as you pray that congregation members might be welcoming to every person the Lord brings to their church.*

Life Quote: "The Holy Spirit teaches us and enables us to be more effective with our body language, to hold the hands of those who are afraid of walking alone, to hug the ones who are falling apart for whatever reason, to lift those who sinned against God and against their brothers. We do all this by sharing the forgiveness that is found in Christ." *Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Septuagesima – God our Father can draw water from rock (Exodus 17:6), reward the unworthy (Matthew 20:9), and make the last first (Matthew 20:16). Surely He will overhaul our hopeless circumstances and lost causes, even when human pains and mistakes have brought them about (1 Corinthians 10:1-5). Indeed, we not only witness it but participate in it as well (Exodus 17:5). *Keeper of our souls, work faith in us and those we serve to await great transformation at Your hand. Amen.*

Building Healthy Families: Our culture encourages us to see the world and our relationships through a lens of individualism in which we make decisions based on the question, "How will this effect ME?" How would our world be different if we returned to a faith, family, and community-centered lens, in which decisions are instead based on this question: "How will my actions effect my children, my spouse, my parents, my congregational family, my community?" Give it a try this week and see what a difference it makes! **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or www.LutheranFamilyService.org

If you would like to purchase any tickets, please let Sara know as she has a bunch. Thanks for your support!



Serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, milk, and orange juice
There will also be a bake sale with delicious goodies!

Manchester Community Center

Sunday February 11, 2024, 8:00 – 11:00 am

Adult Meal (ages 13+) \$10.00 ~ Child Meal (ages 5-12) \$6.00

Age 4 and under - Free