

The Announcer
January 29, 2023



Scholarship Applications for students who will be in college in the 2023/2024 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 3rd.

Spring Cleaning assignments will be placed in the mailboxes soon. These cleaning duties need to be finished any time before Palm Sunday, April 2nd. Thanks for taking time out of your busy schedules to do some spring cleaning.

Mid-Week Lenten Services treat schedule will be placed in the mailboxes soon. Please provide 2 dozen cookies/bars on the evening you are assigned. Thank you!



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. Thank you for your continued support of our youth!



Senior ACTs Upcoming Fundraisers: The Sweetheart Supper will be held Sunday, February 19th from 5:30-7:00 pm. The meal will include spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, and a dessert buffet. There will also be a soup cook-off contest on Wednesday, March 29th at 6:30 pm (before the Mid-Week Lenten worship service.) Stay tuned for more details!

Yearly Giving Statements have been placed in everyone's mailboxes. If you have any questions regarding your statement, please let Bobbie know. Also, if you want offering envelopes and there was not a box labeled for you on the table, please let Bobbie know and she will get you one.



Kitchen Update: The new window curtain will be arriving soon, and the old curtains will be painted. The finishing trim work will also be getting installed soon. We anticipate everything should be finished up by the end of January. Thank you for your patience as we complete the kitchen remodel project.

2022 Annual Reports are available on the guest registry table. Please take a copy if you are interested.



Birthdays this week: January 29: Arabella; Lou Ann.

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.

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



Flooring Donations: The church is still seeking donations for the flooring project. A goal sign has been hung up to track the amount received – we are only a couple thousand away from what we need. There is also a remnant of the flooring on the Narthex floor so you can see how it would look once the new flooring is installed, which will hopefully be in January if funds are raised. Thank you for your generous support of our church!



Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Our Savior on Wednesday, February 8th from 1:00-5:30 pm. As a reminder, for those who want to give whole blood, you cannot have given after December 15th. For those who want to give double reds, you cannot have given after October 19th. Sixteen-year-olds can give blood, but must have parental permission. Scheduling to be a donor can be done online at any time by going to www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood or you can call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). If you have any questions, please contact Gloria (563-920-0503). Everyone who donates blood during the month of February will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card by email, plus they will automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for two to Florida. Thank you!

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY, January 29:	8:45 am 10:00 am 5:30-7:00 pm	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class Worship/Communion SONshine Center reserved
WEDNESDAY, February 1:	1:30-3:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:45-8:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved Confirmation Classes – SONshine Center Senior ACTs – SONshine Center Junior ACTs – SONshine Center
THURSDAY, February 2:	9:00-10:00 am 5:30-7:00 pm	Bible Study, St. Paul's, Delaware SONshine Center reserved
NEXT SUNDAY, February 5:	8:45 am 10:00 am 5:30-7:00 pm	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class Worship SONshine Center reserved

"Your Time to Shine" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Light is necessary for life; God's light, even more so. (Matthew 5:14-16). Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

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 God would strengthen our faith so that His Word has free course in our congregations and homes.*

Generosity Moment: 1 Corinthians 1:18 – **"Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?"** God's ways are certainly not the world's ways, including the way God tells us to manage the resources He's given to us. The world says, "hold on, hold back and gather up." Jesus says to store up treasure in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where no thief breaks in to steal. Whose way do you think is best? What is wiser: the wisdom of the financial gurus or the foolishness of God?

Life Quote: "Pre-born babies are patients who deserve the rights and protections applicable to children and adults." *Dr. William Lile, Pensacola, Florida ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Epiphany IV – The coming of Jesus as Christ shows the way of the Lord: He exalts the lowly instead of abandoning or executing them (1 Corinthians 1:27-28). We ought neither encourage nor invite expectant mothers and fathers to sacrifice the fruit of their bodies for righting their wrongs (Micah 6:7). Christ Jesus has already become that redemption (1 Corinthians 1:30), and such compassion to the neighbor lifts us up to stand alongside God Himself (Micah 6:8).

Building Healthy Families: Have you experienced the grief and loss of infertility? Or maybe you have parenting experience and room in your heart and home for one more child? Prayerfully consider adopting a child, possibly one who exists today as a waiting frozen embryo, or one who is waiting in foster care, in need of a forever family. Adoption builds a family through love that transcends genetics, biology and culture. To learn more, visit <https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/adoption-services/>. **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or www.LutheranFamilyService.org