

*The Announcer*  
January 23, 2022

**Relay for Life Meeting** will be TODAY after the worship service. If you are interested in being on the Our Savior Relay for Life team, please attend the meeting with Gloria after the service.

**2021 Annual Reports** are available as on the guest registry table. Please take a copy if you are interested. Thanks!



**Scholarship Applications** for students who will be in college in the 2022/2023 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 will be attending college in the fall. Please place completed applications in the Church Office mailbox. Scholarship applications are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Donated Stocks Update:** The donated stocks have been liquidated and the funds are designated as follows: an asphalt overlay for the parking lot per Kluesner's bid, replacing the parsonage roof with 50% of the funding coming from the congregation, and the remaining funds earmarked for a church kitchen renovation. If you have any further questions, please contact Paul.



**Printing Annual Giving Statements:** Beginning this year, Bobbie, Financial Secretary, will only be printing the giving statements after the end of the calendar year. This will replace the quarterly printing of these statements. If you want to receive a giving statement mid-year, please contact Sara in the Church Office and she will assist in getting you your statement. This change is being initiated to cut down on extra expenses with paper and printing labels. Thank you!

**Offering Envelopes for Next Year:** In an effort to cut down on cost and many wasted boxes of envelopes, we will only be ordering boxes of offering envelopes for those who request them for next year. They will not have each family's number on them, so you will need to manually write your number on the envelopes (which Sara can get for you if needed). You are welcome to place checks without an envelope into the offering plate. We do ask if you give cash that you please place it in an envelope with your name on it (or have us order you a box of envelopes) so it can be recorded properly. Please contact Sara if you want to have a box of envelopes ordered for your family for 2023. If you have any other questions or concerns regarding this change, please contact Bobbie or Sara.

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



**Birthdays this week: January 24:** Joe; Blake; **January 25:** Nolan; **January 29:** Kendra; Arabella; Lou Ann.  
**Wedding anniversaries this week: January 26:** Mike & Marla.

**Church Properties Contact Person** for January is Bill (563-920-1546). Please contact him with any items that need the attention of the Board.



**Scrip Cards, aka "Shopping" Cards:** Just a reminder that Scrip cards aren't only "gift cards" but they can be your normal monthly "shopping cards" and can be used for all your regular monthly shopping (Walmart, Kwik Star, Fareway, Casey's, etc.)! Please help support our youth by purchasing scrip – either on Sundays after church, or stop in the office and Sara can assist you. Thanks for your support!

**Personal Care Kit Supplies Needed:** The Women of Our Savior are collecting the following items for personal care kits (which are in great demand) for Lutheran World Relief: dark colored bath-size towels (medium or lightweight – 52" x 27"), bath size bar soap in original wrappers, sturdy wide tooth combs (out of package), and nail clippers that have the file attached. Please leave items in the box in the kitchen by January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks for your support!



**Wanting to Exercise?** Every Monday thru Friday from 4:00-5:00 pm at the SONShine Center, you can join Darla as she leads a variety of different exercise programs. Exercising with a group is a fun way to stay motivated, and it's good for your mental and physical health. We hope you can join us!

**Thrivent Action Grants Still Needed!** The Senior ACTS are still in need of action grants to help with their fundraising projects for the National Youth Gathering. Also, the Properties Committee is in need of some grants to assist with the cost of some repairs at church. Please contact Darla if you can apply for a Thrivent grant (and Darla can assist with the process too). Remember: MOST Thrivent members can apply for up to 2 grants per calendar year! Thanks!

**Lenten Services:** All evening Lenten worship services will be held at Our Savior this year instead of alternating locations between here and St. Paul's in Delaware. There will still be a Good Friday service at 1:00 pm at St. Paul's, as well as a Good Friday service at 7:00 pm at Our Savior.



**Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held at Our Savior on Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-5:30 pm. Donors who give blood anytime between February 1<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card via email, thanks to our partners at Amazon. The Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade. Please prayerfully consider donating blood if you are able to. As a reminder, you can only give whole blood every 56 days; therefore, you cannot have given after December 15<sup>th</sup>. Double Red donors can only give every 112 days; therefore, you cannot have given after October 20<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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. Thank you!

### This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

<b>TODAY, January 23:</b>	8:45 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship/Communion
	5:30-7:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
	6:00-10:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
<b>MONDAY, January 24:</b>	6:30-7:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved
<b>TUESDAY, January 25:</b>	9:15-11:00 am	Ladies tie quilts for LWR – Hall Classroom
	11:00 am-1:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved
<b>WEDNESDAY, January 26:</b>	1:30-3:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Classes – SONshine Center
	7:00 pm	Senior ACTS – SONshine Center
<b>THURSDAY, January 27:</b>	9:00-10:00 am	Bible Study – St. Paul’s, Delaware
<b>NEXT SUNDAY, January 30:</b>	8:45 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship/Communion
	5:30-7:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
	6:00-10:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved

**Senior Life Solutions:** Do you know of any seniors who may be struggling right now with depression/anxiety/loss of a loved one or just struggling with everyday life because of the pandemic? Please feel free to reach out and refer them to the Senior Life Solutions program in Manchester. You can contact Tara Aulwes by calling 563-927-7560 or emailing her at [tara.aulwes@regmedctr.org](mailto:tara.aulwes@regmedctr.org).

**"It's Not the Healthy"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The story of a pastor who preached Christ's forgiveness to a congregation of criminals. (Luke 5:17-39). 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. *Give thanks as you pray that the Lord would open up the hearts and minds of people around the world, so that His grace-filled message can be spread far and wide.*

**Generosity Moment: 1 Corinthians 12:16** – “And if the ear should say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body.” The Lord has called each of us individually and given each of us unique gifts. He has made our whole lives holy in our Baptism and has called us to a life together in the Church, His body. You are a part of that body, and that body needs you and the gifts the Lord has given you. This is your holy calling from the Lord.

**Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Epiphany III** – Did Nehemiah’s people weep for gladness or grief at the Word of the Lord (8:9)? Were they ashamed or excited to hear how He values even the seemingly weakest among us (1 Corinthians 12:22)? Did they resist or insist on acclaiming and proclaiming His favor unto people of whatever abilities or impairments (Luke 4:18-19)? Will we let these gracious words of good news fall silent before the altars of abortion and assisted suicide?

**Life Quote:** “The Lord called all things into being, from the greatest to the least, with His mighty mere Word. But He formed the human bodies with His own fingers and His very breath. He lovingly, intimately, and meticulously knits us together in our mothers’ wombs.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Did You Know:** Depression is associated with many things, but a weak faith is not one of them. Martin Luther himself struggled with depression as did many other church leaders. If you are feeling depressed, don’t suffer alone. Luther had the right idea five hundred years ago when he wrote, “Solitude produces melancholy. When we are alone the worst and saddest things come to mind. We reflect in detail upon all sorts of evils. And if we have encountered adversity in our lives, we dwell upon it as much as possible, magnify it, think that no one is so unhappy as we are, and imagine the worse possible consequences.” You don’t have to suffer alone – call Lutheran Family Service! **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)