

*The Announcer*  
May 21, 2023



**This morning** we honor and recognize the **high school seniors** graduating from their respective schools. We pray God will bless each of them as they continue life's journey. Congratulations!

**Kelly** is the daughter of Mark & Karla. Kelly will graduate from West Delaware High School on May 27<sup>th</sup>. She will attend Concordia University in Wisconsin and plans to study Biology.

**Grant** is the son of Brett & Jamie. Grant will graduate from West Delaware High School on May 27<sup>th</sup>. His plans are undecided at this time.

**Megan** is the daughter of Dan & Beth. She graduated from Starmont High School on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Megan will attend Wartburg College to double major in Music Education and Music Therapy.

**Keeley** is the daughter of Ken & Kathy. She graduated from East Buchanan High School on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Keeley will be attending Simpson College in Indianola where she will be studying Business Management and Environmental Science. She will also be wrestling for the women's collegiate wrestling team while at Simpson.

**Shae** is the son of Mike & Marla. Shae will graduate from West Delaware High School on May 27<sup>th</sup>. He will attend the University of Iowa and plans to study Environmental Science.

**Alexia** is the daughter of Tim & Kelly. She will graduate from West Delaware High School on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Lexi will attend Iowa State University and is undecided on her major at this time.

**Zachariah** is the son of Sean & Jewel. Zach will graduate from West Delaware High School on May 27<sup>th</sup>. He will attend Kirkwood Community College for an AA degree in Communications. Zach then plans to transfer to the University of Iowa to get a BA degree in Journalism.

**Nathan** is the son of John & Sarah. He graduated from Starmont High School on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Nathan will pursue an Associate of Applied Science degree in Diesel Technology at Hawkeye Community College.

**Alex** is the daughter of Randy & Stephanie. She will graduate from West Delaware High School on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Alex will attend the University of Iowa.



## **College Graduates**

**Allison**, daughter of Dr. Tim & Tricia, graduated from the University of Iowa on May 13<sup>th</sup> with a bachelor's degree in Interdepartmental Studies. She will be pursuing a Doctor of Dental Science degree at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry in the fall.

**Caleb**, son of Chad & Karen, graduated from Iowa State University on May 13<sup>th</sup>. He is moving to Indianapolis, Indiana and will be working as a financial analyst for Elanco (an animal health pharmaceutical company).

**Abbie**, daughter of Brian & Stephanie, graduated from St. Ambrose University on May 20<sup>th</sup>. She will be attending Grandview University to pursue her master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

**Sarah**, daughter of Rev. Dave & Darla, graduated from Concordia University – Nebraska on May 6<sup>th</sup>. She finished her classes in December and has been working in Lincoln, Nebraska at League of Human Dignity.



**The Our Savior General** scholarships have been awarded by the Lay Ministry Board to fifteen high school and college students. Those receiving the scholarships include:



Kelly, Brandon, Allison, Lauren, Morgan, Rachel, Emilie, Keeley, Raub, Shae, Alexia, Zachariah, Nathan, Abbie, and Jacob. ~CONGRATULATIONS!~ (Ninety percent of the interest from the scholarship fund is distributed each year among the scholarship recipients.)

**Church Doors Locked:** The Lay Ministry Board has decided that all doors to the church are to remain locked during the pastoral vacancy. If anyone wants to get in, they need to call the office phone number and Sara can let them in. Or they can schedule an appointment. Sara typically works in the mornings from 8:30 am-12:00 pm. However, the month of June her schedule varies and there are days she works in the afternoon (like during the week of VBS, etc.) If you need the code to the front door, please contact Sara and she can let you know. It will not be printed anywhere. Thank you!



**Special Voter's Meeting:** The Call Committee is excited to announce they have narrowed down the list of pastoral candidates to their top few candidates. A Special Voter's Meeting has been scheduled for **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the sanctuary. The committee will have a summary of each candidate that voters will be able to review and discuss, and then everyone will vote with a private ballot. Once a majority vote has been reached for a certain candidate, a call will be put out to him. Please plan to attend and submit your vote. (There will be ice cream and toppings too!) **Please plan to arrive at 6:00 pm so you can get your ice cream and review the information on each candidate.** In addition, there will be a vote on using Congregational Funds for all the parsonage upgrades that are needed. There has to be a 2/3 majority vote to use the money for that. Thank you!

**Today the Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes** complete another year of Christian education. We thank each of the teachers for their part in instructing the children, youth, and adults of this congregation. We are grateful and appreciative for their dedication and service to the Church.



**Mark your Calendars!** Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 am. We are still looking for several more volunteers to assist with teaching, snacks, crafts, music, recreation, etc. **A sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the guest registry table as well as the registration forms (which are printed on yellow paper).** Please feel free to give registration forms to your friends and family.

**VBS Decorations:** We need **water-themed decorations** for VBS! Please place labeled items in the Hall Classroom. Contact Sara in the church office if you have any questions.

**Pastor's Contact Info:** If a pastoral emergency arises or you would like to contact Pastor, you are welcome to call his cell phone at 319-480-7427 or email him at [caleb.schewe@ctsfw.edu](mailto:caleb.schewe@ctsfw.edu).



**Can you help?** We need more members who can record the worship services. Right now, Karla is the only one doing this. We are also looking for a few more members who can upload the worship services. The whole process of uploading takes about 2 hours on Sundays to complete. Without members stepping up to help with this, we won't be able to post our worship services online for our shut-ins and other community members to view. (If we can get a T1 line, we would be able to livestream our services, but that is currently not an option.)

**Men of Our Savior Lutheran Church,** you are invited to a meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am here at the church. The meeting will be to discuss and pursue a Men's Ministry here at Our Savior. This Men's Ministry will strive to provide spiritual growth, fun, fellowship, and opportunities to serve our community. We are just getting started and want everyone that is interested to have a voice on how to move forward. See you June 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, reach out to Mark, Dave, or Joel.



**Happy Birthday!** **Velma celebrates her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday** on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in mailing her a card or note, please send them to: Velma, 212 Clara Ave., Manchester, IA 52057. Happy birthday and God's blessings to you, Velma!

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



**Birthdays this week:** **May 21:** Sarah; **May 22:** Alex; **May 24:** Marla; Velma.

**Wedding anniversaries this week:** **May 27:** Brett & Jamie.

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

**Please join Rev. Dr. Kristian Kincaid** for his retirement celebration on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Dubuque. Worship is at 10:00 am, lunch will be served at 12:30 pm, and a program will follow. Please RSVP by June 9<sup>th</sup> by calling 563/588-1247 or email [orlcdbq@gmail.com](mailto:orlcdbq@gmail.com), or <https://tinyurl.com/ORLCKincaidRetirementRSVP>. Thank you!



**Pickleball Players Wanted:** I am looking to organize a group to play Pickleball about twice per week. If you are interested, please contact Arden at 563/927-2416. Thank you!

## This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

<b>TODAY, May 21:</b>	8:00 am	Worship/Graduate Recognition Sunday
	9:00 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class (Final Classes)
<b>MONDAY, May 22:</b>	6:30-7:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved
<b>TUESDAY, May 23:</b>	9:15-11:00 am	Ladies tie quilts for LWR – Hall Classroom
	11:00 am-1:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved
	2:00-3:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
<b>THURSDAY, May 25:</b>	9:00-10:00 am	Bible Study, St. Paul's, Delaware
	2:00-3:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
<b>NEXT SUNDAY, May 28:</b>	8:00 am	Worship/Communion
	10:00 am-5:00 pm	Fellowship Hall reserved

**The Lutheran Hour: "A Timely Invitation"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe. Jesus provides unlimited living water that refreshes us and is meant to be shared. (John 7:37-39). 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. *Remember God's work in His Church as you pray with thanksgiving for all the missionaries who serve partner churches, that they would remain faithful in their tasks and be witnesses to the Gospel through acts of mercy.*

**Generosity Moment: 1 Peter 4:10** – “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” God’s grace is His undeserved mercy toward us. What do we have that is not a gift flowing from God’s grace? He means for us to use all these gifts in service of our neighbor. The chief way we serve one another is by supporting the church’s work: bringing more of God’s grace to more of God’s people. That’s what it means to be a steward!

**Life Quote:** “God has chosen each one of us from the beginning of creation. God has also chosen our body to be a temple. He gave us the beautiful gift of a body, and we are called to be stewards of that body, to take care of it and be aware of what we do with it. God also chooses each one of us to belong. We all have a spot and purpose in God’s family—and not one of us is useless or random. God chose us with a purpose. Nothing He does is random.” *Kambria Steinhaus, Knights 4 Life ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Easter VII** – The loving Creator’s presence and power surmounts every impediment to life and sanctifies all its impairments. He works new life in those as dead as stones (Ezekiel 36:26), abundant life among those as abandoned as exiles (Ezekiel 36:24, 28), and everlasting life for those as bereft as beggars (Ezekiel 36:29-30). Jesus stoops these gifts into – and brings them up out of – every kind of uncleanness (Ezekiel 36:25). *Dear Father, invite and involve us in Your overcoming. Amen.*

**Building Healthy Families:** Have you read up on your marriage manual lately? You may be thinking, “Wait...I never received an owner’s manual when I got married!” God knew exactly the circumstances, trials, and joys you would experience as a married couple. Ecclesiastes 4:12 reminds us that as a married couple is a team. “*Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*” Each of the strands represents the husband, wife, and God. Draw closer to God, and you will draw closer to each other. **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

## SILVER CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FINAL SERVICE

Please join us as we praise God for the many years of worship at Silver Creek UMC. Please share this with others who may be interested. FYI - For those coming from the south: Coggon Rd closed between Sutton Rd and Seven Hills Rd and road resurfacing on 110th Ave South of Church to Linn County Line.

Sunday, May 28th @ 1:00  
Light lunch to follow



I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.  
2 Timothy 4:7

The history of Silver Creek began in 1852. Iowa had been a state for six years, admitted to the Union in 1846. The first record of the "Class Meeting" (now called a congregation) of Silver Creek United Methodist Church was May 1855. They met in homes until the year 1867 when the church was built. For 168 years, Silver Creek UMC has been at the center of all community activities. Now because of dwindling membership, the church has decided to close. Please see the blurb for further information.