



# OUR SAVIOR'S NEWS

*Guiding members and friends in faith and service with God's enduring love.*

## NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME!

10:15 - 11:00am

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## BUILDING HOURS

Mon, Thur, Fri: 9 - 1  
Tues, Weds: 9 - 4:30  
Sunday: 8 - noon

## Burning of the Palms

3:30pm on  
Tuesday, February 17



## Ash Wednesday

6:30pm on  
Wednesday, February 18

*+ Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.*

*+ Remember that you are marked  
with the cross of Christ and sealed  
with the Holy Spirit forever*

## Lenten Theme

**UNBOUND**  
*Longing for Wholeness*

Our world is filled with things that hold us captive. These things bind us and prevent us from living the whole, abundant life that God has promised us. On Sundays we will follow the saga of Joseph from Genesis as we think about all the ways God frees people who are bound. And on Wednesday evenings we will hear stories of regular people encountering Jesus, who are longing for the wholeness that Jesus provides. We can learn about our own longings and be drawn into God's wholeness.

## Lent Midweek Meal and Worship

**Wednesdays**

**5:30pm - Community Meal**  
in the Downstairs Dining Room

**6:30 - Worship**  
in the Sanctuary



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## Love, Love, Love

I have officiated and solemnized enough marriages to know that there are good readings in the Bible about love. And at those blissful moments of marriage, the feeling of love can be so palpable for the happy couple, their families, friends, and all others who are invited to celebrate with them. In the month of February, when many people will have their mind fixated up the love between two people, I want to draw your attention to the love of God for us and through us to the world. It is this love from God that we strive to communicate and articulate in the community of faith through the proclamation of the Gospel. The love of the Gospel we proclaim is demonstrated throughout scripture, and most assuredly in the witness to the life of Jesus.

**As the Father  
has loved  
me, so have I  
loved you.**

**John 15:9**

In a reflection on first century life, the apostle Paul in the letter to the Colossians, warns the community of faith against following human-made regulations, which merely have the appearance of wisdom (2:6-23) and at the same time urges them not to conform to the culture, but to be utterly distinct from the world around them (3:1-10). Paul urges them, and by extension us, to put aside or rid ourselves of old patterns of living. Embrace a new alternative way of living that is for all people, "Greeks or Jews, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, or free, but Christ is all, and is in all." (3:11) And Paul describes this alternative way of living in the world as an action of "clothing" those who are "holy and dearly loved" with virtues. For Paul, God clothes the people with virtues of "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience," bearing with one another and forgiving whatever grievances are held against others. (3:12-13) And the virtue supreme, for the people of God to "put on" above all other virtues, is love. For it is Love that "binds all of them together in perfect unity." (3:14)

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus is recorded saying, "As the Father, has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love." (15:9) Jesus goes on to talk about obedience to his commands as the demonstration that his disciple are remaining in his love. Living obediently to Christ's commands might even be described as an alternate way of living, that might reflect the virtues that Paul outlined in his letter. For Jesus, "Greater love has no one than this, that [they] lay down [their] life for [their] friends." (15:13) For your consideration, I suggest that Jesus binds a virtue of self-giving to the virtue of love, through his ministry, suffering, passion, death, and resurrection.

**Love  
Love  
Love**

While the Beatles were not specifically singing for a Christian audience with their song, All You Need Is Love, the sentiment rings true. For a Christian community, it is the conviction that God is the source of love that enlivens and animates our lives. We are freed in Christ to love God, to love ourselves, and love others. This message about love and its source might resonate with people who have stayed away from church, as we practice the virtue of self-giving love which binds all other virtues together. Love, Love, Love...Love is all we need. The love of God is all we need. Amen.

**Pastor Jared Carson**

Intentional Interim Pastor  
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### **A Scout is Reverent: Scout Sunday**

When it comes to the Scout Law, last is certainly not least. Scouts and their faith communities are encouraged to recognize the 12th point of the Scout Law, Reverence, each according to the tenants of their faith tradition. Because scouting is non-sectarian, this could means observing Scout Sunday for Christian Scouts, Scout Sabbath for Jewish Scouts, Scout Jumuah for Muslim Scouts, or other events according to a scout's faith traditions.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church will host Scout Sunday to recognize Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA on Sunday, February 15th. A Sunday close to Feb. 8th is often selected because it is the anniversary of the founding of scouting in America. Scouters are invited to wear their Class A uniform and be recognized by the congregation during the 9am worship service.

Please share words of encouragement with the scouts in our congregation as they strive to live out their faith and uphold the tenants of the Scout Oath and Law.

### **Welcome to our New Members**

We are so happy to welcome Tammy Whitcomb and Faye & Bob Bubach as new members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. During worship on January 18, these new members were welcomed in worship and presented with beautiful quilts from the Good Samaritain Quilters of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



### Noisy Offering Sunday, February 22

Bring your coins (and bills) to worship!  
The children of OSLC will be collecting a  
Noisy Offering after the Children's Message to  
benefit the Global Refuge!

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**Noisy offering in January for Barnes County Food Panty = \$277.45**

# Our Savior's Youth

## Sunday School



PreK - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Sundays 10:15-11:00am

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> - Ten Men Healed

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day Celebration

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> - No Sunday School

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> - The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin

## Confirmation

7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade - Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> - Class at Trinity

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday Worship at OSLC

During Lent, OSLC Confirmation Students will attend worship and then meet with Kyla in the youth room afterward until 8pm.

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> - Lenten Worship at OSLC followed by time in the youth room w/Kyla until 8pm.

## 10th - 12th Grade Senior High Events

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> - 8-9:30pm - Senior High Youth Group in the Youth Room  
(Snacks, Bible Study/Discussion, Games)

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> - 1-2:30pm - Senior High Youth Event in the Youth Room  
(Coffee/Hot Cocoa Bar, Devotions, Games, Ice Cream Sundaes)

Stay up to date on these activities and more! Join us in the Spond app with the code SSSZZ

## Senior High Lunch

Open to all students in grades 9-12 with open campus privileges

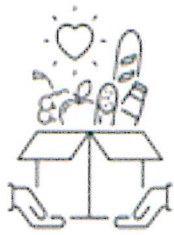
Served every Friday at noon when there is school

This month, we will have lunch together Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> - No School Feb 13<sup>th</sup>

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Contact Kyla Fetsch at [youth.oursaviorsvc@outlook.com](mailto:youth.oursaviorsvc@outlook.com) with questions! 😊





## HI-LINER FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Backpack Program/Hi-Liner Pantry is asking for donations of individually wrapped snack items such as granola bars, crackers, cookies and chip – things the counselors can quickly grab, as they have many kids that utilize these snacks at school. They are also planning to add a “snack stash” for Jefferson and Washington Elementary Schools. These items can be dropped off in the tub located in the Gathering Room. The Hi-Liner Food Pantry continues to serve VCHS students and families. Items for the Pantry can also be dropped off in the tub located in the Gathering Room. If you would like to donate financially, please make your check out to Bridges Backpack Program, Inc. 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072.



## MISSIONARY CALENDAR

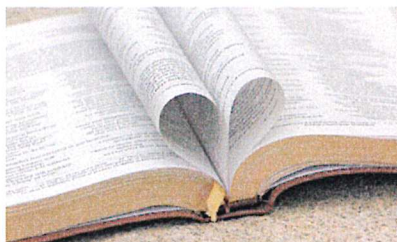
The 2026 Missionary Calendar is filling up, but there are still days to sponsor!

For \$25 a day you can support Willie Langdji, who serves as an ELCA Missionary supporting the work of the Lutheran Church in Western Africa. With your support, we walk alongside of medical centers, schools, churches, food ministries to support and encourage local efforts. The calendar also supports the work of Global Health Ministries that ships medical supplies and supports medical facilities all over the globe. Sign up on the calendar and earmark your donation for “Missionary Calendar.” Please hold Willie, Global Health Ministries, and our partner church in the Central African Republic in regular prayer.

We are church TOGETHER!

### Wednesday Bible Study

Gathering Room  
9:30am



### Saturday Bible Study

Gathering Room  
7:30am

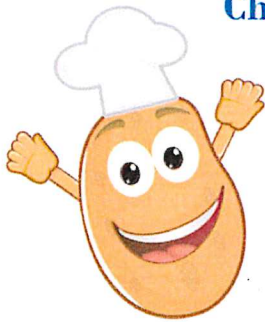


## Second Annual Klub Dinner

@ Trinity Lutheran Church, Valley City  
499 4th Ave. NW

Saturday,  
February 14

4:00 p.m.  
to  
6:30 p.m.



**What is Klub??** It's a traditional Scandinavian potato & ham dumpling made of potatoes, flour, & butter.

**All are welcome!**

Proceeds from this event will go towards Trinity Lutheran Church Ministries.

## EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST MEN'S FRENCH TOAST BRUNCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

### MENU

French Toast  
Sausage  
Fruits  
Assorted Syrups  
Beverage



### COST

Adults: \$8  
Grades 1-6: \$4  
Preschool: Free

Epworth United Methodist Church  
680 8th Ave SW Valley City, ND

**SERVING FROM 9:00 AM UNTIL 12:30 PM**

Proceeds will be used to support  
Epworth's Youth Ministries



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Time to  
register for  
Red Willow  
Summer Camp!

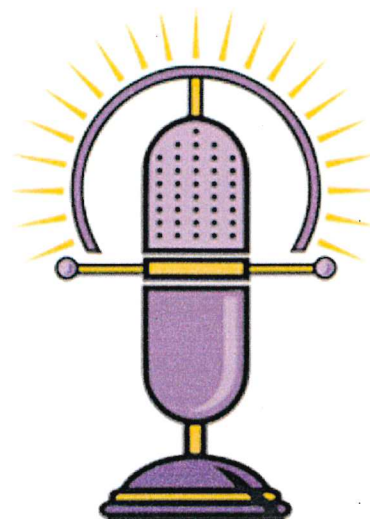
Look for information  
in coming months

early bird discount  
ends Feb 1st





As you do your spring cleaning, please remember the WELCA ladies here at our Savior's will be having their annual Treasure Sale in early May. You can bring items to donate any time. If you have any questions, please contact LouVay White or Jan Stowman.



Radio broadcast of the 9:00 am worship is on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on KOVC 1490 AM. To sponsor a broadcast, please contact the church office. The cost is \$100 and may be gifted in memory or in honor of someone or a significant event. Your gift to this ministry is appreciated.



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#### Treasurer's Report:

The following account balances as of December 31st were noted.

GENERAL FUND.....	\$81,407.58
BUILDING FUND.....	17,946.92
MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIPS.....	1,951.81
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.....	5,046.41
FARM FUND (Checking).....	\$172,203.56

#### Staff Reports:

a. Kyla Fetsch- Keeping track of hours (20), Helping with confirmation during lent, going to work with the upcoming 10th graders before they are confirmed. Shifting the time for Sunday School to 10:15am-11am. Senior High lunch is going well. VBS is set for 1st week of June (T, W, Th) and bringing back 7-12 grade trip to Minneapolis.

#### Committee Updates/Council Action

- a. Worship & Music- Katie discussed time for services- nothing will change until when school changes.
- b. Service and Sharing- Haley brought up time change for Council Committee since many members have younger children and 8p is late for meetings. Discussion will continue at February meeting.

#### Old Business

- a. Nominating Committee Update [document]- Discussed and reviewed the document. Have positions that need to be filled for Council VP, Worship & Music has been filled by John Andrus, Nominating Committee has an opening, Synod Assembly needs 2-4 reps, Property Mel Karch and Terry Lebahn are new, need to ask Dallas for 2nd term, Children & Youth looking for 3 positions to include a youth member, and then Audit Committee will ask Bobbi Jo for 2nd term.
- b. Greeters [document] - Greeters would count attendees at service and place count slip in offering, take offering up to the front during the offertory, pass out bulletins, and check pews afterward for cleanup.



## Council cont'd

- c. Review Bylaws [see folder] – Haley motioned to approve the changes to the Bylaws which was seconded by Lacey Maresh. No further discussion. All approved.
  - i. Worship & Music deleted #6 (To coordinate with the Sunday School staff regarding groups to sing during worship) under What We Do.
  - ii. Technology deleted #7 (Maintain the appropriate use of the church logo; plan and implement appropriate marketing materials in support of the church's ministry to the community) under What We Do.
  - iii. Service & Sharing- no changes.
  - iv. Congregational Life- no changes.
  - v. Property- no changes.
- b. Annual Reports Due [missing Property, Service, Children & Youth, Worship]- All annual reports are in
- c. Parsonage Update) – No update at this time. Open House done. Shown 3 or 4 times. Ross and Jackie painted the red wall.

### New Business

- a. 2026 Budget [document] – Discussed and reviewed the 2026 Nominating committee spreadsheet.
  - b. Agenda for Annual Meeting [document] – Discussed and reviewed agenda for annual meeting. Growing in Grace will be ending soon. Kyla talked about asking for monetary gifts for furniture for the youth room. Katie motioned to approve annual meeting agenda. Amelia seconded the motion. No further discussion. All approved.
  - c. Lent -Feb. 18th (Rotation & Meals) – A Sign-up sheet was passed around to sign up for dates/meals on Feb. 18th, Feb. 25th, March 4th, March 11th, March 18th, and March 25th.
  - d. Youth Coffee Fund- \$500 seed money and then coffee profits will be added to the fund. This is going back to the youth fund. Kyla will make a sign that states your donations will benefit the youth. Katie motions that the coffee fund money will be deposited to the general fund-youth line. Haley seconded the motion. Katie amended the motion to include the supplies will also be taken out of the youth line for coffee hour. Haley seconded the amended motion. No further discussion. All approved.
- Baptism: Dalton Fick
- Deaths: Kaley Machart (nonmember), Georgia Manstrom (member)
- Other: M.D. reminded committees for newsletter articles and the need for a new title.
- Adjournment: President Margaret Dahlberg declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45p.m. The meeting closed with the Council praying together the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting -February 11, 2026, 8pm Conference room

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Wangrud, Council Secretary Margaret Dahlberg, Council President

## February - 2026

### Notes From Your Treasurer

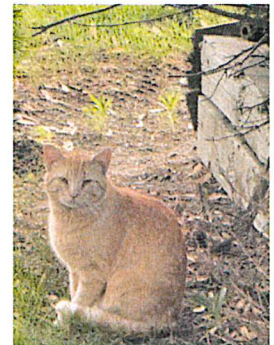
Today I'm thinking about Dean Martin's song lyrics, "The weather outside is frightful. But the fire is so delightful. And since we have no place to go, let it blow, let it blow, let it blow." Yes, I changed snow to blow because we live in North Dakota and that's what happens in addition to the snow. Hopefully today is the coldest temperature we will see this year and all our tomorrows will be a little warmer. But, saying all that, the fireplace is turned on, my coffee is hot, I baked French bread yesterday, and my heart and soul have warm thoughts because of all the wonderful people at Our Saviors.

January is my month for the financial audit, year-end reports, budgeting, and looking ahead to our new year in front of us. The audit went fine and the new budget will be in place by the time you receive this newsletter. The year-end financial reports you can read about in the 2025 Annual Report booklet always amaze me. First because I can get them to balance correctly, but more than that, because of the many ways the people of Our Saviors share their generosity, time and talents to our church and beyond. Page 28 of the Annual report lists all the giving to Designated Funds other than the General Budget. I said it last year and have to say it again: We are not a Sunday-only church!

You are living proof of our mission statement: We, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, welcome all to share Christ's love, grow in faith, and to live a life of service glorifying God. Yes, we are helping others, but just think of what God is doing to our hearts and souls!!

Life on Riverview Drive is always interesting. MacArthur has decided he should help me crochet, Snoopy supervises from his high perch, and Jigger defends his position from his perfect snuggly doggy bed where he can almost bury himself. I can still see ears and tail from where I sit. George frequently makes his after-hour visits to clean out any left-over pet food, sleeps here part of the night and takes off when I turn on the kitchen light. The outside birds, squirrels, and rabbits wait patiently each morning for their breakfast.

Take care and stay warm!



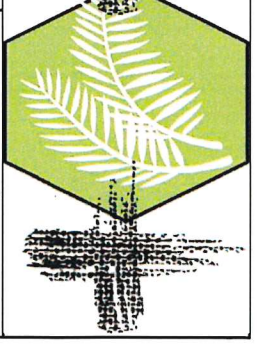




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LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church | February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Worship 9:00 Facebook Live 10:15 Coffee & Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Radio Broadcast	2 9:00 Ministerial Mtg 9:00 Quilters 11:45 Staff Meeting 1:30 Text Study	3 9:30 Bible Study 4:30 Exec Team 6:30 Confirm-Trinity 8:00 Sr High	4 9:30 Bible Study 4:30 Exec Team 6:30 Confirm-Trinity 8:00 Sr High	5 12:00 Sr High Lunch Pastor's Sabbath	6 7:30 am Men's Bible Study	7 7:30 am Men's Bible Study
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