

Our Savior's - April 2023

Our Savior's Lutheran Church - April 2023 Newsletter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Our Savior's Lutheran Church 210 E Berry Ave - PO Box 68 South Shore, SD</p> <p>Pastor Ken Nelson Office: 605-756-4259 Cell: 605-880-0436</p>						<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM -12:00 PM Office Hours</p>
<p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM Communion Service Bethlehem, Watertown Council</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Member Visits</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1:30 PM -3:30 PM Shut in Calls</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:30 PM -5:00 PM Office Hours 6:00 PM Confirmation</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 PM -7:00 PM Soup Supper 7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Worship</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:30 PM Good Friday Worship Member Visits</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM -12:00 PM Office Hours</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Easter Breakfast 7:30-8:30 am Easter Worship 9:00 am</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Member Visits</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1:30 PM -3:30 PM Shut in Calls</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:30 PM -5:00 PM Office Hours 6:00 PM Confirmation</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 AM -12:00 PM Office Hours Member Visits</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00 AM LWMS Spring Rally Peace Lutheran Milbank</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:00 AM Communion Service St. Paul, Henry Council Ladies Aid after church</p>	<p>Spring Pastors' Conference Minot, ND</p>					<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship Guest Preacher Randy Bader Pastor Nelson in Clark, Raymond, Willow Lake</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Member Visits</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1:30 PM -3:30 PM Shut in Calls</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1:30 PM -5:00 PM Office Hours 6:00 PM Confirmation</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 AM -12:00 PM Office Hours Member Visits</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM -12:00 PM Office Hours</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship</p>						

During Lent we have been meditating on “Jesus’ Final Steps”.

We just celebrated Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

At the end of this week:

We will marvel as our Savior institutes the Lord’s Supper.

We will watch in dismay as Jesus is betrayed by one of his own disciples.

We will be shocked as we watch the shameful treatment of an innocent man.

We will be horrified as we see the Savior of the World crucified on a cross.

We will watch in silence as the lifeless body of the Lord of Life is laid in a tomb.

As we reflect on these events we need to confess that it was our sins, our misdeeds, and our failures that caused all of this to happen. The only way for us to be saved was for God’s Son to come into this world, live the sinless life we could not, and then suffer the punishment we should have endured. Not just the agony of the cross, but the torment of hell itself as God forsook his own Son.

It is astounding that Jesus loved us so much that he would do that for us and for a world that did not deserve anything from God but his wrath.

Thank you Jesus !!

But wait, there is more, so much more because that is not where the story ends. This was God’s plan all along and God’s plan was perfectly designed to bring victory. Victory over sin death and Satan. Jesus lifeless body did not stay in that tomb.

He did what he promised to do.

He did what the Bible prophesied the Christ would do.

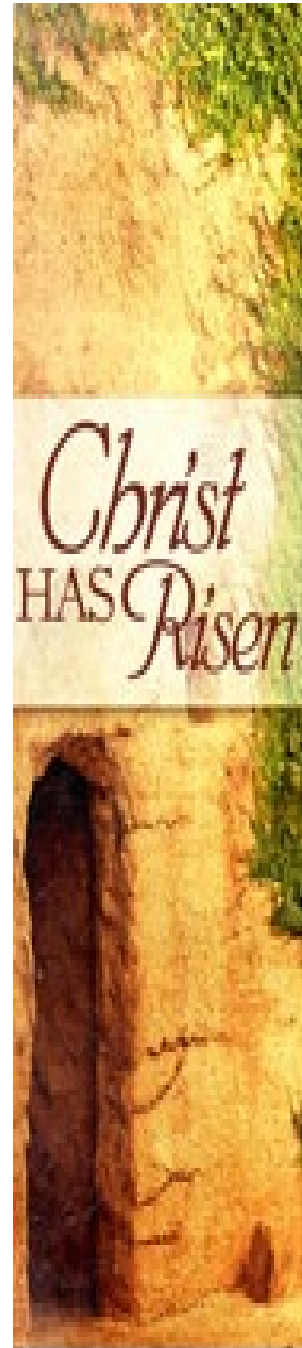
He did exactly what he predicted he would do.

He rose from the dead. And we get to celebrate that on Easter Sunday because it means that death has been defeated, Satan has been vanquished and the hold sin had on our lives has been broken. He is risen, He is risen indeed. Hallelujah !

Ya just have to love Easter.

1. He’s risen, he’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord; He opened death’s prison, the incarnate Word. Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.

4. Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more; Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden’s door. For all our transgressions his blood does atone; Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.



Don't forget to invite your friends, neighbors, coworkers and everyone you know to our Easter worship on Sunday April 9th at 9:00 am. Offer to give them a ride, let them know they are welcome, tell them we will feed their bodies and their souls. Show them where to find us on Facebook.

Whatever it takes.

Oh, don't forget that YOU are also invited to come and worship our Risen Savior.

See ya in Church !

What does your Sunday Schedule look like?

Why not make coming to church a regular part of your Sunday? It is a great way to start off your week. Psalm 122 states it this way, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" A chance to thank the Lord for all the blessings he gave us in the past week, an opportunity to be refreshed by hearing God's promises of forgiveness, by singing his praises and by gathering with your brothers and sisters in Christ. A great opportunity to reflect on what is really important and to focus on things that last for eternity. Rejoice with us on Sunday mornings.

See ya in church.

New Sign

The new sign is up and running. It is taking a little while to get all the words adjusted to the proper sizes and colors, but we are gaining on it. We did find out that if a picture with blue and red is on the sign, people think the sheriff has someone pulled over.

We are making good use of it and will continue to improve how we use it as a tool to get the word out about what is happening at Our Savior's Church. It is an excellent way to invite people to come and join us.

We have already had a few people stop in just to ask questions about who we are and to take a look at the building. We pray they will just be the first to be directed to our doors. Now to get something printed up that gives them an overview of our congregation and a brief presentation of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.



Finances

There are financial updates available on the table in the entryway. We started out the year slowly because of weather and other factors, but are starting to make up ground. We are about \$3,000 behind where we had projected we would be at this time. Nothing to panic about, but something for us to be aware of as we look at how the Lord has blessed us.

Giving opportunity

For anybody 70.5 years or older, an IRA is a great option for making gifts to the Lord's work at church, a local WELS-affiliated ministry, and/or a WELS area of ministry. It may also help you to save on your taxes.

For those 72 and older, the rollover to charity also counts toward satisfying their required minimum distribution. Contact the investment firm that handles your IRA to request a direct transfer of IRA assets to a WELS ministry or another charity of your choice. Pastor can also give you more information.

Great Plains Lutheran High School

Scrip's New Processing Procedure

In order to save on shipping costs, and to enable our Scrip volunteers to come in once a week rather than twice a week, we are implementing a new order processing procedure. Beginning on Tuesday, April 11, orders will be processed on Tuesdays, and orders sent to you the following week. For example, an order placed by Tuesday, April 11, will be mailed to you on Tuesday, April 18. Please note this new timing when placing your order. And thank you for using Scrip! Also, we are still in need of some volunteers for processing Scrip. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Roloff at 605-886-0672.

Camp Luther

Camp Luther will again be held at Sibley State Park, north of Wilmar, MN. However, the camp will have a different look this year and a different name (at least temporarily) since it will be a joint effort with the camp leadership team from southern Minnesota. The dates for Minnesota Valley Lutheran Bible Camp are June 18-23. Students entering grades 4-9 are eligible to enroll. Go to www.campshetek.org to register.

Auxiliary Delegate Meetings

The spring Delegate and Auxiliary meetings will be held at GPL on Saturday, May 6. Both groups will begin their meetings with a devotion at 10am. Delegates are selected by association congregations. Anyone interested in supporting the ministry of GPLHS is invited to attend the Auxiliary meeting.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Watertown, SD

As many of you know, Pastor Petersen from Bethlehem in Watertown has taken a call to serve congregations in Renville and Danube Minnesota. Due to declining membership, financial difficulties and the high number of pastoral vacancies in the Synod; the Bethlehem congregation has decided to dissolve. This was obviously not an easy decision for them to make. A timetable is being worked out for when their last service will be.

This also affects St. Paul of Henry who are currently being served by Bethlehem. Plans are being made so that the members of St. Paul will be served after Bethlehem has closed.

Thank you the members of Our Savior's for letting Pastor Nelson work with these congregations as they work out all of the details for this transition.

Please keep all of these fellow Christians in your prayers.

Serving you as we all serve Christ

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