

Our Savior's Lutheran Church - November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<i>1</i> 9:00 AM -12:00 PM Office Hours 6:00 PM Confirmation	<i>2</i> 7:15 PM -9:00 PM Office Hours Member Visits by Apointment	<i>3</i> 9:00 AM -12:00 PM Office Hours 2:00 PM -4:30 PM Shut in Calls	<i>4</i> 2:00 PM Private Baptism
<i>5</i> 9:00 AM Communion 10:15 AM Sunday Schod Bible Class	<i>6</i> By Appointment	<i>7</i> 9:00 AM -12:00 PM Office Hours 1:00 PM -4:30 PM Shut in Calls 7:00 PM Town Board	<i>8</i> 9:00 AM -12:00 PM Office Hours 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:30 PM Church Council	<i>9</i> 7:15 PM -9:00 PM Office Hours Member Visits by Apointment	<i>10</i> 9:00 AM -12:00 PM Office Hours 2:00 PM -4:30 PM Shut in Calls	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i> 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday Schod Bible Class	<i>13</i> 9:30 AM Pastors' Study Club South Shore By Appointment	<i>14</i> 9:00 AM -12:00 PM Office Hours 1:00 PM -4:30 PM Shut in Calls	<i>15</i> 9:00 AM -12:00 PM Office Hours 6:00 PM Confirmation	<i>16</i> 7:15 PM -9:00 PM Office Hours Member Visits by Apointment	<i>17</i> 9:00 AM -12:00 PM Office Hours 2:00 PM -4:30 PM Shut in Calls	<i>18</i> 2:00 PM Advent by Candlelight
<i>19</i> 9:00 AM Communion 10:15 AM Sunday Schod Bible Class	<i>20</i> By Appointment	<i>21</i> 9:00 AM -12:00 PM Office Hours 1:00 PM -4:30 PM Shut in Calls	<i>22</i> 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve followed by Pie & Ice Cream	<i>23</i> Thanksgiving	<i>24</i> 9:00 AM -12:00 PM Office Hours 2:00 PM -4:30 PM Shut in Calls	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday Schod Bible Class	<i>27</i> By Appointment	<i>28</i> 9:00 AM -12:00 PM Office Hours 1:00 PM -4:30 PM Shut in Calls	<i>29</i> 9:00 AM -12:00 PM Office Hours 6:00 PM Confirmation	<i>30</i> 7:15 PM -9:00 PM Office Hours Member Visits by Apointment	Our Savior's Lutheran Church 210 E Berry Ave - PO Box 68 South Shore, SD Pastor Ken Nelson Office: 605-756-4259 Cell: 605-880-0436	

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Is your schedule jam-packed? It seems that just yesterday we were outside enjoying the warm weather and sunshine. But now we all seem to be back to a full schedule. School has been going for almost 3 months, high school football, cross country and volleyball are finished or almost finished. It does not seem possible but ... THANKSGIVING will be here before we know it.

We are back to a full schedule at church also. Sunday school, bible class and confirmation are all up and running. We are seeing more people in the building as summer vacations and other activities wind down. Why not make coming to Church, Bible Class and Sunday School a regular part of your Sunday schedule? 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 time to reflect on what is really important and to focus on things that last for eternity. Come and rejoice with us on Sunday mornings. Don't forget to bring your friends and neighbors along with you.

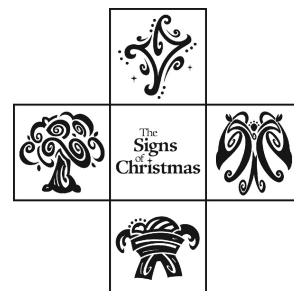
See ya in church.

There are lots of exciting things going on at Our Savior's. The church council is going to be leading the way as we take a fresh look at the question of "Why are we here?" The "why" will help us focus on "what" we should be doing and "how" we should be going about it. There is opportunity for all of us to be a part of bringing the news of Jesus to the people of our community. Stay tuned for ways you can become involved.

I know these are on the calendar, but just to highlight a few things to definitely put on your schedule.

November 12th	Ladies' Aid meets after worship
November 18th	Advent by Candlelight 2:00pm
November 22nd	Thanksgiving Worship 7:00 Pie and Ice Cream to follow

Here is a heads up for parents with Sunday School age children. We are going to be doing our children's Christmas Eve Program again this year. Please let Pastor Nelson know if your child will be taking part in the program.



Finances

There are financial updates available on the table in the entryway. We had started out the year slowly because of weather and other factors. In the General Fund, we are about \$6,000 behind where we had projected we would be at this time. Nothing to panic about, but it is something for us to be aware of as we look at how the Lord has blessed us. And bless us he has - we are going to again exceed our commitment to Synod and to Great Plains. Thank you to everyone of you for supporting our Lord's ministry here and throughout the world. I have every confidence that General Fund shortfall will be overcome by the end of the year.

Giving opportunities

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.

Farmers, as you rejoice in the harvest the Lord has blessed you with, you could consider gifting some directly for the Lord's work. We will work with the elevator of your choice to sell the grain so that you do not have to pay tax on the income from that grain. Forms are on the table in the entryway.

Great Plains Lutheran High School - The theme for this year is Convinced.

Call News - On October 15 our Board of Directors extended a call to Mr. Thomas Plitzuweit to serve as our next Principal. He currently serves as principal of St. Matthew's Lutheran School in Oconomowoc, WI. Please keep Mr. Plitzuweit, his family, and the ministries of GPL and St. Matthew's in your prayers as he seeks the Lord's guidance and looks forward to future service.

Our Savior's was able to extend a \$500 scholarship to Jacob O'Farrell from our Education Fund that has been unused for many years. Thank you to everyone who contributes to that fund.

Lorie Line is coming to GPLHS! She will be presenting an all-new solo piano show that features both the classics and some of the newer songs that make the Christmas season special. Together she will share beautiful music and funny heartwarming stories, all centered around her piano (that she personally brings from home).

This show will take place on Sunday, December 10 in the GPLHS auditorium at 3:00 pm. The cost of the ticket is \$60 each. You may purchase your ticket online at lorieline.com/tour.



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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