



# Expressions

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
March 2024  
Monthly Newsletter

## Weekend Worship Services

Communion at all services.

**Saturday @ 5:00 p.m.**

**Sundays**

**8:00 a.m. & 10 a.m./10:45 a.m.**

**Livestreamed Service**

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

**Christian Education Hour**

Meets 9:30—10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study— 18+

Sunday School ages 2 yr.—High School

**No Sunday School March 10th or 17th**

**For 2 year olds thru 5th grade**

**Lenten Worship Services**

**Mid-Week**

**Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.**

Light meal served 5:30 –6:15 p.m.

**Church Nursery:** Staffed Sundays for both services & during the Sunday School hour. Nursery is open for 5 p.m. service as self-serve nursery. Please pick up after use.

## **Midweek Lenten Sermon Series**

### **The G.O.A.T – (The Greatest of All Time)**

In the sports world, or entertainment world fans argue over who is the Greatest of All Time - the GOAT. However, Jesus is literally the Greatest of ALL Time since the beginning of time. There was no one greater before Him, and there will be no one greater after Him. Despite our sins against Him, He loves us unconditionally, He has prepared a place for us and is coming back to get us. Great is not a strong enough word to describe Jesus. He truly is the undefeated, undisputed GREATEST OF ALL TIME - our Life Giver, Judge, Redeemer, Reconciler, Savior, and much, much more!

February 14 Mine (Ash Wednesday)

February 21 Jesus, Life Giver

February 28 Jesus, Judge

March 6 Jesus, Redeemer

March 13 Jesus, Reconciler

March 20 Jesus, Savior



## **Easter Altar Flower Orders**

If you would like to order flowers to help decorate the altar for Easter, order forms are available on the table in the Gathering Space. Order forms and payments can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. Orders due **Sunday, March 10th.**



## Church Information

### WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Saturdays 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sundays—8:00 a.m. & \*10:45 a.m.**

\*Memorial Weekend thru Labor Day Weekend, second Sunday service is moved to 10:00 a.m.

### CHURCH OFFICE

Current church hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Our facility is a closed campus. If you would like to visit, go to door D and ring bell.

### CHURCH NURSERY

Church nursery ,located next to the library is staffed Sundays for both services & Sunday and during the Sunday School hour. Nursery is open for 5 p.m. service as self-serve nursery. Please pick up after use.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Check out our Facebook page (Our Savior Lutheran Church and Preschool Bettendorf), our website (oursaviorbett.org) or YouTube channel (Our Savior Bettendorf) for Bible studies, worship services, worship bulletins, past sermons and other miscellaneous communications.

**February Average Weekend Attendance —565**

**Ash Wednesday Attendance—336**

## Holy Communion Practice

Holy Communion is a sacred act established by Christ Himself. The Bible explains the nature and purpose of the Sacrament, and who should receive it. *“Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment upon himself.”* (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) Therefore, in accordance with Holy Scripture, and out of loving concern for all, we at Our Savior Lutheran Church believe in the biblical practice of Close Communion. This means, those are welcome to the Lord's Table who are “close” to us, that is, believe the basic teachings of the Christian faith listed below:

1. Have been Instructed in God's Word, especially in regard to the Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments and Holy Sacraments;
2. Confess and repent of all their sins;
3. Believe that through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God forgives their sins and gives new newness of life.
4. Believe that in and with the bread and wine, they receive in a miraculous way, not merely a symbol, but the true Body and Blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith.
5. Recognize that participation at His table indicates a public agreement with the Biblical teaching of the Sacrament as we teach and confess, and a oneness in the Lutheran faith with fellow communicants.

If you are unaware of the teachings of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or have any doubts or questions, we respectfully ask you to refrain from receiving Holy Communion today until you have opportunity to visit with one of the pastors.





## Christian Education

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY LINE UP

**ABC (Adult Bible Class)**, “Evolution’s Achilles Heels” Sundays at 9:30 a.m., led by Jim Nitzschke & Gary Loss, Room A200, ends March 24th. “Is Genesis History” movie will be shown March 10th & 17th.

**Belonging By Grace, New Membership Class**, Sundays at 9:30 a.m., led by Pastor Keith, Room A201.

**Champions Men's Bible Study**, Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., led by David Pratt, Room A201

**Mary Martha Women's Bible Study**, Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Time 9:30—10:00 a.m.), led by Sara Pfeiffer, A201

**Men's Bible Study**, Book of Galatians, Saturdays at 8:00 a.m., led by Tim Raymon, Room A202



### “Science and the Age of the Earth”

**Sunday, March 3rd @ 6:30 p.m. in A200**

Presentation by Helmut Welke, past president of Quad-City Creation Science Association. The Age of the Earth has been a controversial question for almost 200 years. It has been used to ridicule the Biblical genealogies and the important questions concerning our origins. For all ages.



**Guest Speaker: Helmut Welke, MS:**

Helmut is a recently retired engineering manager with a Fortune 100 company. He holds BS and MS degrees in industrial engineering from the University of Illinois and has held positions in a variety of national and international assignments. He is a certified engineering manager, and in 2006 was elected to the board of trustees of IISE - an international society serving the Industrial and Systems Engineering profession. In 2012 he was honored as a “Fellow” of the IISE society. Helmut is also president of the Quad-City Creation Science Association. Founded in 2008 they are dedicated to telling the truth in science education. He is a member of the Creation Research Society and is an Ambassador/Speaker for Logos Research Associates..



**Ages 2 year—High School**  
**Sundays, 9:30—10:30 a.m.**

Ages 2 year - 5th grade will not meet March 10th & 17th



Classes will not meet during lent or Holy Week. Session 4 will being April 3rd.



Will meet in the youth room on Wednesdays during Lenten meals, 5:30 – 6:15 p.m., through March 20th



**NIGHT**

**Jr. High & Sr. High**  
**Bingo Night, March 24th**

Bingo night for Jr. High, Sr. High and their families. Snacks & prizes. Time TBD.



**Kids Klub**  
**Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m.**

OSLC members ages 4 years thru 5th grade registration required.

**Will not meet March 13th due to Spring Break.**

Will meet regular time, during Lenten Services.

## For Your Information

### OFFERING OPTIONS

**Offerings envelopes**— place your offering envelope or use a pew envelope and put in the offering plate or mail to church office.

**Electronically**— go to church website, [oursaviorbett.org](http://oursaviorbett.org), click on the “donate now” button and create an online account.

**Smart Phone**— . Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code reader to access the mobile version of our online giving page.



**Sunday School Mission Offering**— Women's Choice Center

**Church Stock**— If interested in donating stock to OSLC your Financial Advisor can contact Mike Gesell at Morgan Stanley, 563-344-4312.



March 31, 2024 is the deadline to direct your 2023 Choice Dollars. You can direct your Choice Dollars by visiting [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Cost is \$35 and may be submitted in the offering plate. Flowers may be picked up after second worship service on Sunday. Flower chart located on cabinet in the Gather Space.

**ARTICLES FOR EXPRESSIONS:** email articles to [oslcadassist@oursaviorbett.org](mailto:oslcadassist@oursaviorbett.org), deadline Wednesday by noon.

**FEEDBACK FORM:** Available online at [www.oursaviorbett.org](http://www.oursaviorbett.org) (please include name).

**FOOD & DRINK:** Please limit food and beverages in sanctuary during worship to that which is necessary for infants, toddlers or required for medical reasons. **Please do not bring coffee or food into the worship area.**

**GRACE GROUPS:** Join a group for fellowship, bible study & prayer. Contact the church office.

**LIBRARY:** You can find a number of Christian-friendly resources, fiction, nonfiction books, movies and CD's. Stop by today to check out our many resources. Contact Carrie Beyer at [oslcbettlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:oslcbettlibrary@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**NAME BADGES:** Badges may be purchased by contacting the church office. Cost is \$10 per badge. Option of magnetic or pin backing.

**NURSERY:** Located in Library. Staffed during the 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. services and during the Sunday School hour.

**PRAYER & ANOINTING:** Offered three times a year, January, May and September. Detailed information sheet located in information rack. The next Prayer & Anointing services will be **Sunday, May 5, 2024 at the 8:00 p.m. service**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** Hand knit shawls made with love and prayer to give to those in need of comfort and healing. Questions, contact church office. Prayer Shawls are located in Gathering Space cupboard. Look for the sign.

**OUR SAVIOR CONCEALED CARRY POLICY:** Our Savior will continue the policy of allowing the concealed carry of handguns by individuals possessing a current, valid Iowa Permit to Carry. We are keeping this policy in force, as is our prerogative, since the State of Iowa enacted the Constitutional Carry legislation effective July of 2021.

**WOMEN'S EXERCISE**—meet at 8:15 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays in the Gathering Space. Contact Becky Brase,.

## Things to Know

### **The board of directors and staff are excited to announce the position of Business Manager (formerly, Parish Administrator) has been filled.**



Kent Gullion joins the Our Savior leadership team as our new Business Manager and will begin Monday morning, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Kent and his wife, Nikki, reside in LeClaire and have three children: Landen, Grace, and Danica. Kent was in the Army for 13 years where he served as a Combat Medic and was deployed three times to Taji Iraq. He retired from the Army in 2017 as a sergeant and then pursued a new career in IT and Cyber Security, earning his AAS from Eastern Iowa Community Colleges and multiple certificates throughout the past 4 years. Kent brings experience and skills in the areas of technical analysis, systems implementation, project management and Microsoft Office Expertise. He also serves the community of LeClaire as a volunteer Firefighter and is currently in the process of regaining his EMT certification.

Kent enjoys attending and watching baseball games (especially the Iowa and Chicago Cubs) traveling to Okoboji each summer with his in-laws and long-time members, Dave and Jodi Buzzell, for a family reunion, camping, hunting, fishing, and boating. After being baptized in the faith and attending the new member class several years ago, Kent joined Our Savior where he and his family are active, faithful members.



### **Martin Luther Highschool, Greendale, WI Traveling Concert and Troubadour Choirs Performing and leading Worship Music at Our Savior Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> + Host Homes Needed +**

The Concert and Troubadour choirs of Martin Luther Highschool, Greendale, WI, under the direction of Ben Bedroske and Andre Dukes, will be wrapping up their 2024 Spring break Midwest tour and blessing us in worship Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> with sacred, Easter music.

We need to procure host homes for choir members for Saturday night, April 6<sup>th</sup>. There are 29 students - six boys and twenty-three girls. At least two students stay together at a host home. You are welcome to host more if you have the space and bed availability. Your responsibility would be to ensure an enjoyable, peaceful night's rest, breakfast before the 8:00 service, and transportation to church in time for their Sunday morning warm-up.

To sign up as a host, please contact Lauren Krueger, DCE Intern, at the church office, 332-5141 or email Lauren at [oslcdce@oursaviorbett.org](mailto:oslcdce@oursaviorbett.org).



## Things to Know



### LWML Davenport Zone Spring Rally

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

**8:30—11:30 a.m.**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church—Schember Hall  
3834 Rockingham RD, Davenport**

**Breakfast will be served.**

**Servant Activities:** tying toddler blankets,  
packing diaper bags, sorting items

**Bible Study:** Pastor Peter Hoft

**Reservations:** by Tuesday, March 19, 2024,  
call Dorthy Jones at 563-332-5542

**Ingathering:** Pregnancy Resources and  
Women's Choice Center. Diapers, baby wipes,  
bottles, pacifiers, lotion, shampoo, bottles,  
socks, onesies, receiving blankets, small quilts,  
sippy cups, outfits up to 6T.

Come, bring a friend, enjoy fellowship, and  
support life!



We are looking for someone to arrange  
Easter flowers on the altar for Easter.

Set up would be on Saturday March 30th.  
Please contact the church office if you are  
interested.



**Wednesdays during Lent  
5:30—6:15 p.m.**

**March 6—High School Youth  
March 13—Mary Martha  
March 20—Kenya Team**



OSLC is looking for individuals to help  
plan for a Veterans Appreciation event for  
this November 2024, date TBD.

Anyone interested please contact Gary  
Larson. Tentative meeting date will be  
early March.

## Things to Know

### Attention All Welcoming Team Ministries (Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Welcome Center Hosts)



There will be two identical meetings, hosted by Pastor Keith and worship Dept. chairman, Lamar Buckelew, to review Welcoming Ministry goals and responsibilities. All volunteers who serve on one of these important worship teams (Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Welcome Center hosts) are asked to please attend one of two meetings immediately following the 10:45 serves on either Sunday, **March 17<sup>th</sup>** or **March 24<sup>th</sup>** in the Sanctuary.

This will also be a great opportunity for anyone interested in serving as a volunteer in the Welcoming Ministry to attend, learn a bit about the different roles, and get involved.

We will take approximately 30 minutes to review the roles and expectations of the Welcoming Ministry, answer questions, and make sure we are aligned, especially as we head into Easter.

Please consider making every effort to attend **only one** of these two brief meetings.

Thank you,

Worship Department., Lamar Buckelew

### News from Kenya Mission Team:

May 28 is approaching fast! That's the day we leave for Kenya. The purpose of our mission is to: supply glasses, fund cataract surgeries and bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of Kisii, Kenya.

Thanks to all who donated glasses, as we have reached our goal for the number of glasses we can take on our trip. Now we need your prayers, encouragement, and financial support to raise money for cataract surgeries and supplies.

Our team has set a goal of sponsoring 100 surgical procedures, which will be done by surgeons in Kenya. Each procedure will cost only \$30!

We ask that donations for cataract surgeries be brought to the church office, placed in an envelope marked "Kenya Cataract Surgery" and put in the offering plate at a church service, church website under Kenya Mission Optical Clinic, note cataract surgeries, or brought to the Lenten dinner on March 20 which our team will be sponsoring.

The March 20 Lenten dinner will be delicious Crack Chicken sandwiches or Sloppy Joe's made with a secret ingredient! All donations for the dinner will go towards clinic expenses and evangelism supplies. There will be a separate basket for the cataract surgery donations.

Thank you for all your prayers and support!!!

*Our Savior  
Kenya Team 2024*



Pastor Keith, Tom Meyer, Craig Netherton, Amelia Netherton, Ron Spiva,  
Diane Zabel, Sydney Zabel, Ron Borcharding, Diane Borcharding



## Our Savior Staff & Directors

**Our Mission:** As followers of Jesus Christ,  
the mission of Our Savior Lutheran Church is  
to **GATHER** in worship, **GROW** as disciples,  
**GO** and serve.

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## Congregational Missions



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† **Cristo Rey Lutheran,**  
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† **East Side Mission**

† **Heart for Honduras,**  
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† **King's Harvest Mission,**  
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† **Kontakt Mission,**  
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† **QC Deaf Ministry,**

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† **Voices4Peru**



## Dates to Remember



Wednesday, March 6

Mid-week Worship 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13

Mid-week Worship 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

Mid-week Worship 6:30 p.m.



Remember to set your clocks forward  
Sunday, March 10th!

## Holy Week & Easter Schedule

### Palm Sunday

Regular Weekend Worship Times  
Saturday Service Faith 202 First Communion

### Maundy Thursday – March 28<sup>th</sup>

12:30 & 6:30 p.m.

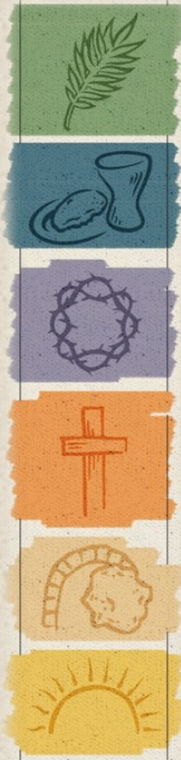
### Good Friday – March 29<sup>th</sup>

12:30 & 6:30 p.m.

### Easter – March 31<sup>st</sup>

7:00, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Youth sponsored Easter Breakfast  
Served from 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.



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