

Expressions

Our Savior Lutheran Church April 2024 Monthly Newsletter



Connecting People to JESUS

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. thru

High School

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



FROM RED LETTER CHALLENGE

FORGIVING CHALLENGE



Kicks off April 6th!

Book sign up available in the Gather Space.

Donation's accepted. Book Value \$20.00.



Forgiving Challenge Sunday Adult Bible Study,
begins April 7th, Led by Pastor Gary, A200

Sunday, April 7th

Martin Luther Highschool, Greendale, WI

Traveling Concert and

Troubadour Choirs

Performing and leading

Worship Music at Our Savior



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 1ST -NO FOOLING! Please be advised that Our Savior Lutheran Church will be **closed** on **Monday, April 1st**, for essential plumbing repairs. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding as we work to ensure the safety and functionality of our facilities. Thank you for your cooperation.

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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



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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.

March Average Weekend Attendance —539

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.

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, 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— One Eighty

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



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION • Gather Space.

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

ARTICLES FOR EXPRESSIONS: email articles to oslcadassist@oursaviorbett.org, deadline Wednesday by noon.

FEEDBACK FORM: Available online at 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 if you have any questions.

MUSIC MINISTRIES: Interested in joining the choir (adult or children choir) or playing handbells, contact Keaton Connell at keatonconnell2@gmail.com

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 a.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.

Christian Education



ADULT BIBLE STUDY LINE UP

- ABC (Adult Bible Class), “Forgiving Challenge”,** Sundays at 9:30 a.m., led by Pastor Gary, Room A200
- 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

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



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



Portals of Prayer for April—June 2024 are now available. They may be picked up from the small table in the Gathering Space or bulletin stand as you enter the sanctuary.



**Wednesdays , 6:00—7:00 p.m.
Session 4 classes begin April 3rd.**

April 26, Banquet & Rite of Confirmation
Faith 101 help set up for banquet
Faith 201 help serve at banquet



High School Movie Night, April 14th, 6-8 p.m.

Jr. High Movie Night, April 21st, 6-8 p.m.



**Rite of Confirmation † Friday, April 26th
Service at 5:00 p.m.**

2024 Confirmands: Carter Asta, Blake Jaeger, Kenley Jaeger, Lane Jaeger, Hadley James, Grace Mitchell, Matthew Mortiboy, Mariam Mostafa, Hayden Place, Samantha Priest, Livy Stroup, Aaron Trout

Things to Know



Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca Summer Camp 2024

Registration for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is now open! Go to www.campiodiseca.org for more information or pick up a brochure on the community board by the church office.

FROM RED LETTER CHALLENGE

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DAYS

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RESTORATION

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SANCTIFICATION

Beginning



April 6th!



Be an informed member of our church body by subscribing to *The Lutheran Witness* – a monthly periodical of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod which provides a wealth of information for Christian faith and life. **For a rate of \$20.65**, you will receive *The Lutheran Witness* from August 2023 to June/July 2024 (11 issues). You may subscribe, resubscribe or un-subscribe by contacting the church office **by May 6, 2024**. Please make checks payable to Our Savior Lutheran Church and note on your check that it is for *The Lutheran Witness* subscription or go through our website (Give/Donate). Any questions please contact Kent Gullion, 332-5141 or oslcbusinessmanager@oursaviorbett.org



Altar Flower Sign-up—The 2024 Flower Chart is located on a cabinet door near the kitchenette in the Gathering Space. The cost is **\$35.00** a Sunday. If interested write down your name on the chart by the date you want or contact the church office. To submit payment, please indicate “altar flowers” on an envelope with your check and drop it in the offering box. Checks are to be made out to Our Savior.

Things to Know



COLLEGE ADDRESSES

We would like to send out care packages as college students prepare for finals and finish up the school year. If you are interested in having a care package sent to your child, please Lauren Kruegar at oslcdce@oursaviorbett.org with your college student's **current/updated college address**.



Our Savior Lutheran Preschool will be offering summer programs again this year. We **SUMMER PROGRAMS** will continue to offer class for 3 year olds through Third Grade. There are different themes, various academic skills and we will focus on a Christian value each session. Cost is \$50 per session and will include a snack. **Your payment holds your spot.** You may choose one session or all seven! Classes will be offered Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week from 8:45-11:45 am. Contact Preschool for openings and brochure.

SAVE THE DATE VBS 2024

BREAKER ROCK BEACH

Romans 12:2

Ages 3 years—5th Grade

June 23rd –27th

6:00—8:30 p.m.



Registration forms & staff sign up available in the Gathering Space.

Congregational Missions



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- † **Cristo Rey Lutheran,**
Moline, IL, Rev. Pablo Dominguez
- † **East Side Mission**
- † **Heart for Honduras,**
Kevin Pieper, Salem Church, Tomball, TX
- † **King's Harvest Mission,**
Food & shelter mission, Davenport
- † **Kontakt Mission,**
Jon Gainer
- † **LCMS Missionaries,**
Benjamin, Rebecca & Viktor Helge, Havířov-Šumbark, Czech Republic and Eurasia
- † **LCMS World Missions,**
Rev. Tom Zehnder, Executive Director
- † **Lutheran Hour Ministries,**
Curt Buckholz, President
- † **Lutherans for Life,**
Rev. Michael Saleminck
- † **Mission Central,**
Gary Thies
- † **Mission India ,**
Church Planters, Tokala Ashok Kumar & Paradesi Shobavathi (Guntur)
- † **Missionary** Rev. Dale & Suzanne Kaster, Prague, Czech Republic (Guntur)
- † **QC Deaf Ministry,**
Rev. Tim Eckert
- † **Women's Choice Center**
- † **The Exodus Road,**
David Zach, Remedy Drive
- † **Village of Hope, Haiti,**
Bart & Roberta Anderson
- † **Trans World Radio,**
Cody & Chelesse Custer, Guam
- † **Urban Mission Strategist, NYC.,**
E. Johnson Rethinasamy
- † **Voices4Peru**



Things to Know

Our Savior Kenya Team 2024



News from Kenya Mission Team:

May 28 is approaching fast! That's the day we leave for Kenya, returning June 7th. 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 set a goal of sponsoring 100 surgical procedures, which will be done by surgeons in Kenya. Our Savior has been so generous that we raised our goal to 200 surgeries.

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, or donate on the church website under Kenya Mission Optical Clinic, note cataract surgeries.

Thank you for all your prayers and support!!!

-Our Savior Kenya Mission Team
Pastor Keith, Tom Meyer, Craig Netherton,
Amelia Netherton, Ron Spiva, Diane Zabel,
Sydney Zabel, Ron Borcharding, Diane
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SIN



EXPERIENCING FREEDOM
STARTS BY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT
WE HAVE ALL MISSED THE MARK.

CONFESSION



IT'S WHAT WE DO AFTER SIN THAT
DETERMINES WHETHER WE EXPERIENCE FREEDOM.
GOD INVITES US TO BRING OUR SIN TO HIM.

ABSOLUTION

DISCOVER HOW THE CONSEQUENCE
OF EVERY SIN OF EVERY PERSON, INCLUDING YOU
HAS BEEN PAID FOR IN FULL BY
THE BLOOD OF JESUS.



RESTORATION



THE FORGIVENESS OF JESUS
MOVES US FORWARD BY RESTORING
OUR IDENTITY AND INVITING US TO
LIVE WITH PURPOSE.

SANCTIFICATION

TRUE FREEDOM COMES WHEN WE PARTICIPATE
WITH JESUS IN BRINGING HIS KINGDOM
TO THIS EARTH RIGHT NOW.
FOLLOW JESUS!





April 1st
April 7th
April 26

Office Closed
Martin Lutheran High School Choir
Confirmation Banquet & Rite of Confirmation



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Prayer and Anointing

Sunday, May 5th at the 8:00 a.m. service

“For I am the Lord who heals you.”

(Exodus 15:26)

Communion will be replaced with the Prayer and Anointing.

For more history of this practice and information about how it is carried out among us, see explanation sheet called, “*Service of Prayer and Anointing*,” in the information rack.



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