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April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00am Prayer 12:10pm Sr. High Lunch	2 9:00am Ministerial 9:00am-1:00pm Good Samaritans	3 9:30am Bible Study 12:30-5:00pm Kids for Christ 2:00pm Funeral 5:30pm Lent Supper 6:30pm Lent Worship/ Confirmation	4 10:00am Worship at Bridgeview	5	6 7:30am Men's Bible Fellow- ship
7 5 Lent/Food Pantry Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 9:45am Sunday School, Choir 9:45am Rick Steve' Easter Movie 11:00am Worship 2:00pm Fat & Faithful Book Discussion 4:00pm Red Willow Bible Camp Annual Meeting	8 9:00am Prayer 12:10pm Sr. High Lunch	9 9:00am Text Study 9:00am-1:00pm Good Samaritans	10 9:30am Bible Study 3:15pm Kids for Christ 5:30pm Lent Supper 6:30pm Lent Worship 6:30pm Confirmation 7:15pm Committees 8:00pm Council	11	12	13 7:30am Men's Bible Fellow- ship
<div> April 13th-10:30am WELCA Spring Luncheon at Faith Lutheran Church </div>						
14 Palm Sunday 8:30am Worship-Cantata 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 9:45am Sunday School, Choir 9:45am Love Without Limits Book Discussion 11:00am Worship-Cantata-2nd grade-6th grade Sunday School sing 4:00pm-6:45pm 1st Communion Class	15 9:00am Prayer 12:10pm Sr. High Lunch	16 9:00am Text Study 9:00am-1:00pm Good Samaritans	17 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Rudolph Square 3:15pm Kids for Christ 6:00pm Confirmation Supper 6:30pm Confirmation	18 2:00pm Hannah Circle 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship-5th Grade 1st Communion	19 12:10pm Community Good Friday @Faith Lutheran 2pm Legacy 6:30pm Good Friday- Our Savior's	20 7:30am Men's Bible Fellow- ship
21 Easter Sunday 7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am Worship 8:00am-11:00am Easter Breakfast-Muffins, fruit, Juice, Coffee 3:00pm Worship at Sheyenne Care Center	22 Office Closed 12:10pm Sr. High Lunch	23 9:00am Text Study 9:00am-1:00pm Good Samaritans	24 9:30am Bible Study 3:15pm Kids for Christ 6:00pm Supper 6:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Sarah Circle- Gathering Room	25 9:30pm Jamestown Conference- Litchville/ Marion	26 Youth- Lock -in-6:00pm until midnight	27 7:30am Men's Bible Fellow- ship
28 2 Easter 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 9:45am Sunday School, Choir 11:00am Worship	29 9:00am Prayer 12:10pm Sr. High Lunch	30 9:00am Text Study 9:00am-1:00pm Good Samaritans				

Easter Flowers



Help decorate the sanctuary of Our Savior's this Easter by sharing Easter lilies, azaleas, tulips. Complete the information below and return the form to the church office or offering plate by April 7th.

I wish to contribute a Easter plant:

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Please bring the plant to the church by 9am Saturday April 20th. You can pick them up following the 11am Easter worship service. A list of those providing Easter plants will be included in the April 21th bulletin.

Thank You



Bible Book Club

No Bible Book Club in April
In May, we will discuss the book of Exodus. Join us May 21 at 1:00 pm



Radio broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. 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.



5:30 p.m. Soup Meal (free will donation)

6:30 p.m. Worship

"You've Got a Friend in Me"

April 3 and 10

Hear stories about how Jesus is our friend and how we are to be a friend to others.



BOOK DISCUSSION

Upcoming Book Study Opportunities

Read the book. Come to the study. Share your impressions. Not a reader? Don't have time to read? Come, listen, and learn, anyway.

"Fat and Faithful: Learning to love our bodies, our neighbors, and ourselves" by J. Nicole Morgan

RESCHEDULED to April 7, 2:00 pm in the Gathering Room

J. Nicole Morgan grew up fat and loving Jesus. But she was forever burdened by what she saw as her biggest spiritual flaw: her weight. In *Fat and Faithful*, she shares her journey from body shame to fat acceptance and shows us how to care for the image of God found in every body—including our own.

"Love Without Limits: Jesus' Radical Vision for Love with No Exceptions" by Jacqueline Bussie

Sunday, April 14, 9:45 am in the Small Dining Room

How can we overthrow hate and heal hurt in today's divided world? Bussie suggests we learn to love as God does – without limits or exceptions.

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



WHAT is the CROP Hunger Walk?

Each year, our community comes together to raise money and awareness for hunger relief locally and around the world through the CROP Hunger Walk. Roughly 1,000 CROP Hunger Walks happen every year in the United States. Walkers ask family, neighbors, colleagues and places of worship to pledge dollars for their participation in a 5K (3.1 miles) walk/fun run. Our steps symbolize the daily journey others must make for food and clean water.

WHEN?

The Barnes County CROP Hunger Walk/Fun Run will be held on May 1, 2019 beginning at 7:00 pm (Registration begins at 6:30 pm.)

WHERE?

Begins and ends at Faith Lutheran Church, 309 4th St. NE, Valley City, ND

WHO gets the money?

In addition to assisting hungry families in our area, CROP helps families in the United States and around the world who are victims of disasters like Hurricane Sandy, the earthquake in Haiti, and refugees fleeing war or famine. CROP also supports development projects in the world's poorest communities - agricultural training, health clinics, micro-businesses, schools, and fresh water wells.

WHO can participate?

EVERYONE! CROP Hunger Walks are community events involving everyone who wants to fight hunger around the block and around the world. Our walk encourages teams and individuals from public and private schools, civic and cultural groups, area businesses, and all faith groups.

COST?

There is NO FEE to participate. All donations are helpful. If you wish to collect donations, look for packets to be available on Sunday mornings in April.

Movie Morning



Rick Steve's European Easter

Sunday, April 7

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Lower Level Fireside Room (off the Small Dining Room)

Taking you on a spring journey through Spain, Slovenia, Switzerland, Italy, and Greece, "Rick Steves' European Easter" celebrates this 2,000-year-old story in a variety of cultures. You'll feel the emotion of this special time as the Passion of Christ unfolds during Holy Week. We'll join Andalusians carrying parade floats, Greek priests tossing showers of flower petals, and villagers blessing olive branches, plus feasting, fireworks, and more. Exploring a rich and fascinating mix of traditions — from its pagan roots to its glorious finale — "Rick Steves' European Easter" sheds new light on this timeless holiday.



Each month in 2019, our newsletter will highlight one of the ministries that make up Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

This month's ministry spotlight is our Sunday School.

What happens in Sunday School?

Smiles on the faces of children coming to Sunday School is what I get to experience each week in the decorated hall of our church. Happy little voices and quick steps overflow with sounds of excitement as friends gather to learn about Jesus. Even the shy ones, that only a few months before were in tears as separation from parents were moments of panic, now happily enter their classrooms. I watch our teachers collect Bibles, crayons, stickers and other supplies. How will they share and make a lasting impression of God's love with our youth? Welcoming words, high fives and Bible songs can be heard coming from chapel and classrooms.

All of a sudden there is quiet. I peek into a classroom to see what is happening. I observe hands folded and heads bowed. The teacher and students are praying to our heavenly father. Everyone was so focused, calm and at peace. In another room, I observe pure delight as the young ones praise God with singing and using everybody motion possible. Faith was being expressed with joy!

Parents are the first "faith-influencers" of their children. The church provides experiences for children to express their faith with their peers that parents can't always provide. Children benefit from being with other children. They also find out that they can learn about God not just from their parents. They develop relationships with people in their church family one being their Sunday School teacher. Everything that happens in the short hour of Sunday School influences our youth for the rest of the week – and the rest of their lives.

Rhonda Broadwell
Sunday School Superintendent



**YOUTH DIRECTOR AND
YOUTH ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Extended Kids for Christ 12-5pm Lent Soup Supper 5:30-6:30pm Lent Worship Service at 6:30—Confirmation to follow until 8pm	4	5	6
7 Sunday School — All SS youth will be singing at Bridgeview during SS 9:45-10:45am	8 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am Senior High Lunch 12:10-12:40	9 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	10 Kids for Christ 3:15-5:00pm Lent Soup Supper 5:30-6:30pm Lent Worship Service at 6:30—Confirmation to follow until 8pm	11	12	13
14 Sunday School—Easter Egg Hunt—9:45-10:45am 2nd—6th Grade sing at 11am worship service All youth are invited to process with palms at either worship service!	15 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am Senior High Lunch 12:10-12:40	16 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am Volunteer at the Community Closet 4-5pm Grades 7-12 Limit 10!	17 Kids for Christ 3:15-5:00pm Confirmation Supper 6:00-6:30pm Class 6:30-8:00pm	18 Volunteer at the Arc 6:30-7:30pm Grades 7-12 Limit 6!	19 No School	20
21 HAPPY EASTER! No Sunday School Youth Easter Breakfast 8-11am—Muffins, fruit, juice and coffee. A free will donation support the summer youth trip!	22 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am Senior High Lunch 12:10-12:40	23 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	24 Kids for Christ 3:15-5:00pm Confirmation Supper 6:00-6:30pm Class 6:30-8:00pm	25	26 Youth Lock In 6pm-12am	27
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Pre K - 6th Grade News!

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** On April 7th, all SS youth will sing at Bridgeview. Transportation is provided and all are welcome to attend. On April 14th, an Easter Egg hunt will be held during SS and the 2nd—6th graders will sing at the 11am worship service. All youth are invited to process with palms at either worship service.
- **KIDS FOR CHRIST** 20 youth in Kindergarten-6th grade gather each Wednesday from 3:15-5:00pm for fun and fellowship. We learn about God's great love for us, how we can love others, and work on ways we can make a difference at all ages! Please note that there will be no Kids for Christ on March 20th or 27th.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Save the date!! Vacation Bible School is June 5, 6, and 7th! Youth entering kindergarten in August 2019 and 2020 are invited to join the "Pre-K Day Camp" and youth entering grades 1-6 in August 2019 are invited to join the regular VBS session. Watch for a mailing next month!

Red Willow Bible Camp Info!

- Red Willow Bible Camp registration is open! Sign up now! Scholarships are available! OSLC has a different way to register so please be sure to contact Kyla 840-4540 prior to registering online.

Entering Grades K-3 in Aug 2019

Seekers Days(Grades K-6)—May 31 or July 24

Taste of Camp (Grades K-2)—June 5-7 or June 23-25

Pathfinders—June 5-7, June 23-25, or July 7-9

Entering Grades 4-6 in Aug 2019

Seekers Days—May 31 or July 24

Creation Camp—June 23-28, July 7-12 or July 28-Aug 2

Holy Hoops—July 21-26

Entering Grades 7-9 in Aug 2019

Disciples—July 14-19 or July 28-Aug 2

Holy Hoops—July 21-26

Wilderness (Grades 9-12) - Aug 4-9

Entering Grades 10-12 in Aug 2019

CiT Training—June 2-7

Amp Camp—July 14-19

Wilderness—Aug 4-9

Opportunity for All!

- **YOUTH EASTER BREAKFAST!** All are invited to the annual Youth Easter Breakfast on April 21st from 8-11am. Muffins, fruit, juice, and coffee will be served by our youth for a free will donation that will support the summer youth trip. We hope to see you there and thank you in advance for your support! (Youth in grades 7-12, sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to volunteer for this event!)

Jr & Sr High Update!

- **CONFIRMATION** Weekly confirmation time consists of a supper together at 6pm and then class from 6:30-8:00pm. During Lent, youth are welcome to join us for the soup supper at 5:30, then will attend worship at 6:30 and meet afterward until 8:00.
- **SENIOR HIGH LUNCH** Youth in grades 9-12 are welcome every Monday that there is school at 12:15pm for lunch in the basement at OSLC! Currently 35-45 youth join us each week for lunch, prayer, a bible verse and devotion, and great conversation.
- **SUMMER YOUTH TRIP** The 2019 Summer Youth Trip is June 11-13! This three day trip to Minneapolis will involve volunteering at a variety of places, Valleyfair and a Twins game! Youth currently in grades 7-12 are invited to go and must sign up with Kyla to secure a spot. Contact Kyla with questions or concerns.
- **VOLUNTEERING AT THE ARC AND COMMUNITY CLOSET** Our youth in grades 7-12 now have volunteering opportunities each month! Upcoming dates are Tuesday, April 16th 4-5pm at the Community Closet (limit 10) and Thursday, April 18th 6:30-7:30pm at the Arc (limit 6). Rides available. Sign up with Kyla in order to attend. This is a great way to build volunteer hours and complete servant activities for confirmation!
- **LOCK IN** The annual Lock In will take place at OSLC on Friday, April 26th from 6pm until midnight. We will enjoy a wide variety of activities, yummy treats, and great fellowship time together. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room if you plan to attend!

My office hours are on Monday and Tuesday from 9-11am. However, please feel free to contact me anytime at kylaoslc@outlook.com or 840-4540. God's Blessings, Kyla Fetsch, Director of Youth Ministry



TREASURE SALE and QUILT SALE

FRIDAY, MAY 3 3:00 pm-6:00 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 4 8:30 am-11:00 am

Your "treasures" may be household, decorator, holiday, furniture, children's clothes, toys, and miscellaneous of all kinds. No adult clothing. Please bring your items on THURSDAY, MAY 2 from 8:30 am to 5 pm. You may bring them to the north door of the Family Gathering Room where someone can assist you or bring items directly to church basement. If you have larger items, need help in getting items to the church, or have questions please call Jan S. at 840-1808.

The Good Samaritan Quilters have made many wonderful quilts for the sale.
They would make great graduation, wedding or baby gifts.

BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 8:30am - 11:00am

WANTED: "goodies" of all kinds or "bakeless bake sale items"
(that is a donation for what your baked items would sell for).

Please bring to the Family Gathering Room on Friday
before 6 pm or before the Sale on Saturday.

COFFEE, HOMEMADE ROLLS AND JUICE
will be served Saturday morning 8:30am to 11:00am

All women are invited and encouraged to participate in some way-whether it is to donate items, help (there is a sign up sheet on Information counter) or to come shop and to tell others to come.

This event helps our Women of Our Saviors purchase needed items for our church and give generously to local, state and worldwide needs.

Missionary Calendar

2019 Missionary Sponsorship Calendar is on the bulletin board across from the Church Office. For \$25/day you can sponsor a day and faithfully support the work of our ELCA missionaries, Anne and Willie Langdji, who serve as the ELCA Madagascar, West and Central Africa Regional Representatives; and also the work of Global Health Ministries. Thank you for your faithful and generous mission support.

Food Pantry Sunday-April 7

There are many items that the Food Pantry is in need of each month. Some examples are: diapers, soap, shampoo, paper products, and snack foods. These items, along with your other generous donations each month are greatly appreciated.

Apartment for Rent

For Rent: Unfurnished, ~950 sq. ft. two bedroom, 2nd floor apartment with hot water & heat included, stove, fridge, washer and dryer, private entrance with off street parking. Available immediately.
(No pets or smoking) References. Call Bobby Koeplin 701-840-0250.



HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 14

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship with Palm Procession and Cantata by the Choir. Music by Sunday School students at 11:00. Come center yourself in the holy story of Jesus, journey to the cross.

Maundy Thursday, April 1

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion. As we remember Jesus last supper with his disciples, we hear again his to love one another. Our Fifth Grade students will be invited to receive their First Holy Communion, this night.

Good Friday, April 19

12:10 p.m. Community Worship Service at Faith Lutheran Church. Ponder Jesus' last words from the cross and his deep love for you.

6:30 p.m. A reflective worship service as we ponder how Jesus meets us in his death on the cross.

Easter Sunday, April 21

7:00, 8:30, and 11:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen, Indeed. Alleluia! 8:00a.m.-11:00am muffins, fruit, juice, and coffee served. All donations support the youth summer trip.

Adopt-A-Counselor Program at Red Willow Bible Camp

For just \$2,700 you can change a life. Help support the young adults who come to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with campers here at Red Willow.

As part of your support, you will receive updates from the staff member on what is happening at Red Willow and how their life is being impacted by serving at your camp.

For more information contact:

office@redwillowbiblecamp.org

May-Our Savior's Servants

Gary & Lori Thompson

Lawrence & Jeralyn Behm
Dr. Brad & Joyce Braunagel
David & Rhonda Broadwell
Carol Dahl
Ethel Gusaas
Matthew & Jolene Hagen
Dennis Heise
Dennis & Judy Holmgren
Marcia Jefferson
Nathan & Haley Jenrich
Allison Keller
Kim & Rhonda Knodle
Jay & Vanessa Kocka
Matthew & Jodi Kvien
Maurice & Peggy Kvien
Jim & Nicole McDaniel
Darlene Miller
Wayne & Sandra Nelson
Alan & Trisa Olson
Melvin Olstad
Larry & Edith Raatz
Myron & Jenneice Sommerfeld
Gary & Lori Thompson
Sarah Wangrud
Todd & Lee Webster



Thank You to Our March Our Savior's Servants and their Coordinators:

Jan & Keith Zerface, Mel & Judy Karch

Flower Committee Member: Ardis Christianson, Deb Ross

Thank you to our faithful ushers who assist us every Sunday.





On Transfiguration Sunday, Pr. Emmy and I preached a sermon together in which we talked about where we see God in all of the “wow” moments in our lives – the good, the bad, and everything in between. Pr. Emmy ended that sermon with an excerpt from the book *Dakota: A Spirituality* by Kathleen Norris who reminded us that “hope was stirring at the edges of the day.”

As we move closer and closer to Easter and as temperatures slowly warm and spring seems almost a reality, her book again speaks to the realities of the season:

“Mud and new grass push up through melting snow. Lilacs in bud by my front door, bent low by last week’s ice storm, begin to rise again in today’s cold rain. Thin clouds scatter in a loud wind. Suddenly, fir trees seem like tired old women stooped under winter coats. I want to be light, to cast off impediments, and push like a tulip through a muddy smear of snow. I want to take the rain to heart, let it more like possibility, the idea of change.”

Her words read almost like that of the prophet Isaiah, who reminds us that “As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish...so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” (Is. 55:10 – 11)

Even though we *love* to complain about the snow and rain, perhaps we all need that gentle reminder from Isaiah that it is that snow and rain that water the earth, allowing it to indeed bud and flourish. Our tulips, lilacs, or whatever we grow and tend to do not exist without the snow and rain.

As we wind down the season of Lent, we look forward to that good news of Easter, springing up through the snow like tulips. But just like a plant, the good news of Easter is not the good news without the realities lifted up during Lent and Holy Week. We cannot fully understand the glory of God that we experience on Easter, without first experiencing the journey of God to the cross, and Jesus’ eventual persecution and crucifixion.

As Isaiah says the “word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” And that is the story and event that we are squarely experiencing now in this season of Lent, the three great days, and Easter morning. As we hear the stories of the miracles, the doubt, the questions, the friends, the enemies, and everything in between, we remember that it is all part of God’s plan for Jesus, and that God’s word does not come back empty – it does not end on the cross, just as the ground does not stay frozen and covered in snow and ice. But on Easter morning the stone will be rolled away, death will be defeated, it “will accomplish what God desires and achieve the purpose for which God sent it”, and we will all again see the promise of new life in Christ Jesus, just as we see new life spring forth from the earth.

“And the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands! This will be for the Lord’s renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever.” (Is. 55:12 – 13)

In good courage,
Pastor Kyle